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Right to Life crosses reappear

Group repeats display due to vandalism

By TERESA FRALISH
News Writer

In response to vandalism directed at the Right to Life Club's white cross demonstration in October, the group has chosen to display the crosses on South Quad again, from Wednesday to Friday.

Right to Life co-president Janel Daufenbach said the club decided to repeat the cross demonstration to bring the issue of abortion to prominence on campus.

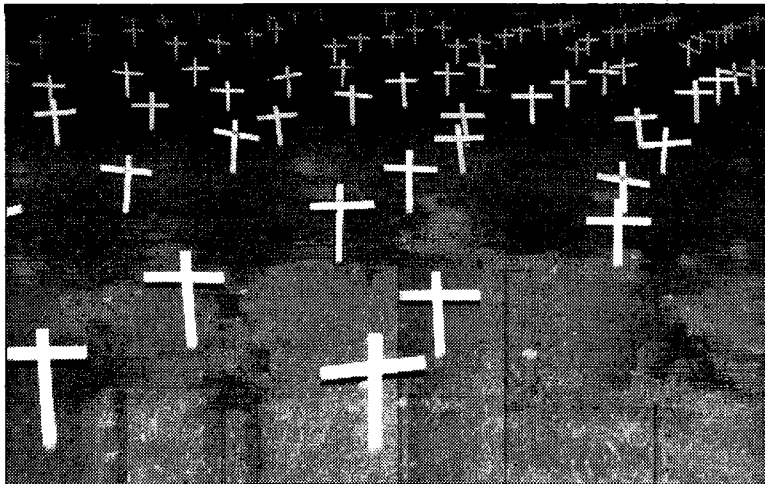
"We put them up to remind

people of the truth of abortion," said Daufenbach. "The cemetery got torn down, and we don't think people can hide from the truth."

When the club organized the first demonstration in early October, about 900 of 1,200 crosses were knocked down during the night.

This display marks the first year the cross demonstration has taken place more than once during a school year. Previously, Right to Life set up the crosses for one day during

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Rows of white crosses line South Quad Wednesday night. Right to Life put up the display again as a reminder of abortion.

SENATE

Ticket exchange approved

Program instituted to resolve problems

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

Senators approved a resolution for a men's basketball ticket exchange program and discussed an amendment to the student union constitution that changes election rules at Student Senate Wednesday.

One week after concerns about the men's basketball ticket distribution were discussed at Senate, the university affairs committee came back with a resolution that would help resolve the problem of connecting students with unused tickets to those without.

Zahm senator Mike McGinley presented the resolution, speaking to the importance of swift implementation.

"The faster we get tickets into the hands of students and those students fill up empty seats at games, the better," McGinley said.

The Ticket Share Program works with residence halls to provide a central location for students to exchange extra tickets. If hall governments decide to take advantage of the optional program, student government will provide a banner that has a "give" and "take" section for each game, with space for the

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ROTC commemorates Veterans Day



An Army ROTC cadet stands guard at Stonehenge Wednesday night. The Veterans Day vigil began at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and will conclude at 4:30 p.m. today.

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

As Notre Dame students walk on North Quad this Veterans Day, the presence of four ROTC members standing silently at Clarke Memorial Fountain will remind them of the men and women who have risked their lives in battle.

Members of the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC units began their annual Veterans Day vigil at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. For the following 24 hours, four ROTC members will stand guard at Clarke Memorial Fountain to commemorate fallen sol-

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Food services survey for changes

Dining halls look for student opinions

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Well-known for efforts to improve campus life, this month students will have their chance to upgrade at least the quality of the food served in the dining halls, as establishments on both campuses conduct satisfaction surveys.

Last week, Saint Mary's Food Services distributed about 300 surveys in the Noble Family Dining Hall so students could provide opinions on issues ranging from the food served to the cleanliness of the facility. Notre Dame will also send out online surveys to students later this month.

Saint Mary's Food Services director Barry Bowles said he personally gave the survey to students as they left the build-

ing and looks forward to seeing the results.

"We take the surveys and send them out to be tabulated. ... We won't have the results for about two weeks," he said. "I already know not everybody is happy with what we do, and that's why I don't look at the surveys before we send them in."

Bowles said the surveys would be extremely useful this year, as large numbers of students participated. Last year, 17 percent of the student population provided results. This year, he estimates about 30 percent of students filled out surveys.

"We review them, and if it's something I can change, we change it," he said.

South Dining Hall general manager Marc Poklinkowski also said gauging student reaction is important to food services.

"A lot of the things that we do are based on student reactions," he said. "We're going to

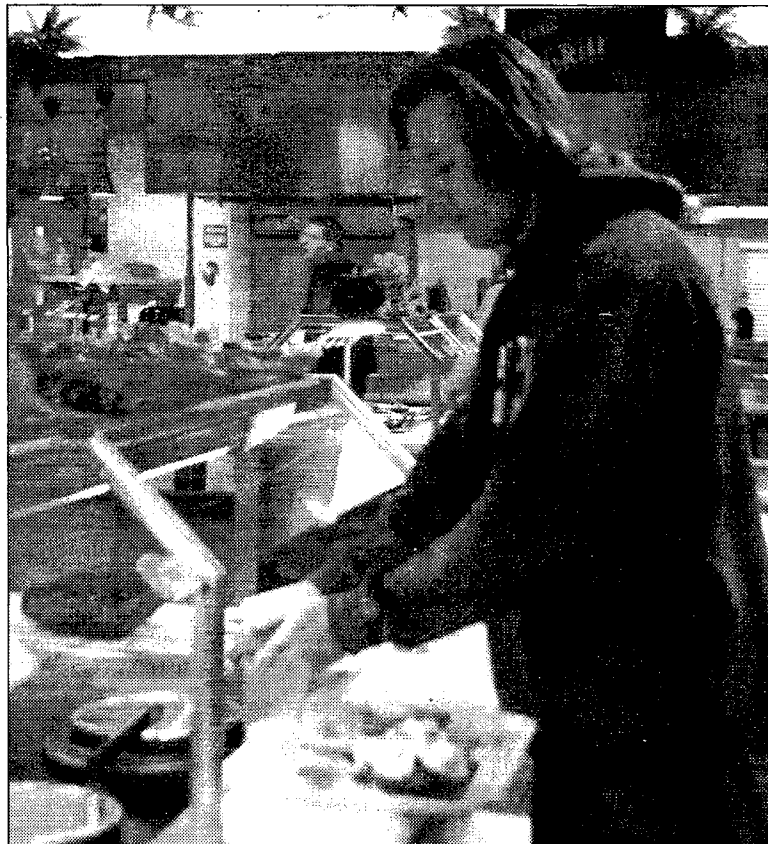
be doing [a survey] in November, and I think this will be the first year we're going to do a second one to see how opinions change."

Based on previous surveys, Notre Dame has extended dining hall hours, included new menu items, increased vegetarian and vegan options and changed from an 8-day menu rotation to a 12-day cycle.

"We noticed that once we started [the surveys], freshmen and sophomores liked South Dining Hall's variety, but our ratings weren't as high with juniors and seniors," Poklinkowski said. "Now, instead of things showing up 28 times a year, it's down to 19. That's cutting 33 percent of repetition out of our menus."

North and South Dining Halls each serve around 2,300 students per meal, and Saint Mary's generally feeds about 800 at each meal. Bowles, for-

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Junior Tristan Butterfield peruses the selection in South Dining Hall Wednesday. Surveys may allow for expansion of menu items.

INSIDE COLUMN

Home sweet home

Freshman year of college is the time for a lot of significant changes and different experiences. Typically these include adjusting to living on one's own, battling homesickness and managing a college work-load. Having your family decide to up and move to the Marshall Islands is significantly less common, but this very thing happened to me my first year at Notre Dame.

Molly Griffin

Assistant
Scene Editor

I lived in Reno, Nev. for 18 years of my life, and going away to school in Indiana was the biggest adventure of my life. As I was preparing to come home for the summer, my parents dropped a huge bomb on me: "We're thinking of moving."

The prospect of relocating in itself is a big deal, but then they added, "To the Marshall Islands."

So began one of the strangest and most interesting years of my life.

Granted, I didn't have to physically move to the Kwajaleine Atoll, a tiny island of about 2,000 people which is five miles long by half a mile wide, but there was a definite sense that things were very different. My entire family had to get major physicals and military clearance in order to go, and we could only take one of our family pets over there. When I called my parents from school, it was already the next day since they were past the international dateline, and our cat had fights with sand crabs. I often felt like I was related to the cast of "Gilligan's Island."

I went to visit my family during Christmas break, and it took me three days, five airports and Christmas Eve in a hotel alone in Honolulu to get there. The week I spent there was both fun and strange, because I was basically in a tropical paradise without any crowds, but I finally realized that my family literally lived in the middle of nowhere. Nothing is quite as scary or liberating as knowing that your parents are an entire ocean away from you.

While my family was living the island life, I thought that it was the worst thing that could have ever happened to me. Looking back at it now, I have a different perspective. There are a lot of things worse than your parents moving to an island, and I have a great experience to write about if I apply to grad school. Most importantly, I realized that my family could survive anything, whether it be moving, sand crabs or an entire year of "Gilligan's Island" jokes.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Molly Griffin at mgriffin@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 10 edition of The Observer in the review about "Monk's Travels," the book was incorrectly described as a novel. The Observer regrets the error

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU NOMINATE TO BE MR. ND?



Brian Hedges
sophomore
Siegfried

"That dreamy guy that I always see at NDH."



Bob Murphy
senior
Siegfried

"Father Hesburgh, just because."



Michelle Holzinger
sophomore
Breen-Phillips

"Ted Lawless, because his fluorescent shirt really turns girls on."



Tara Johnson
sophomore
Breen-Phillips

"Tim Wyne, but Salims the Usurper will dominate."



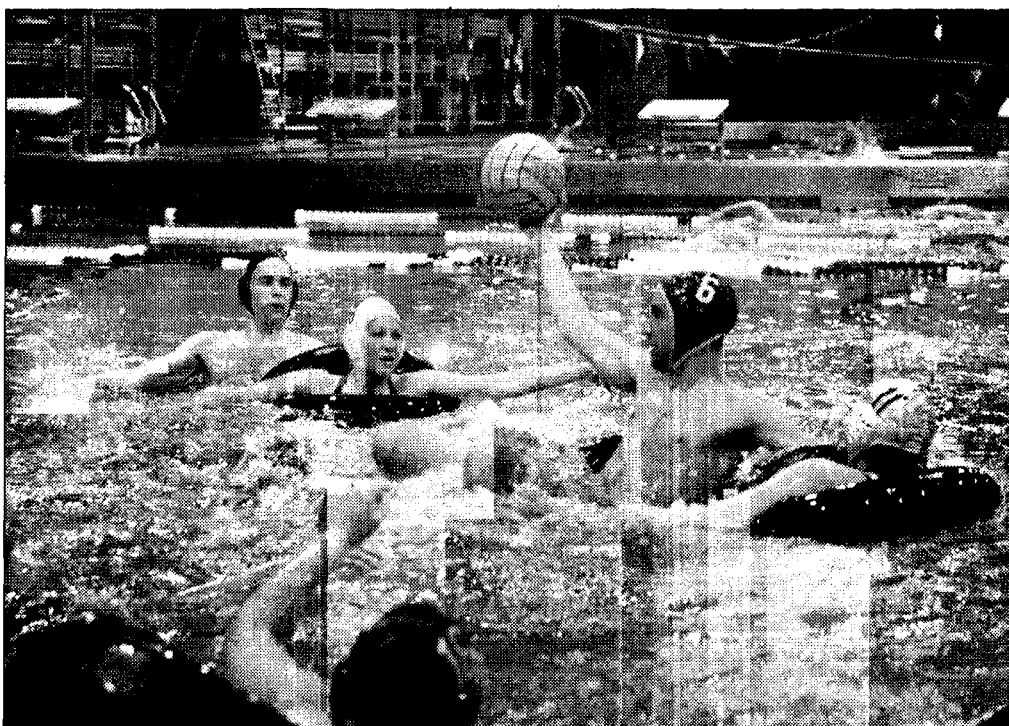
Kate Runde
sophomore
Walsh

"Tim Capecchi a.k.a. Scooby, because he's in the band, writes his own music, is smart and super sexy."



Laurie Wasikowski
sophomore
Walsh

"Joe Runde, because I can't have his older sister."



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Notre Dame students make a splash in the pool Wednesday as a game of Innertube Water Polo got underway. In the background, fellow pool sharks swam laps as the players battled to score points.

OFFBEAT

Man allegedly tries to swap pot for tires

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A man who unsuccessfully tried to barter with marijuana was arrested for stealing two auto tires after the deal was rejected, Roseville police said.

Joshua Dean Williams, 20, and another man allegedly tried the pot-for-tires swap at a Sears Auto Center, said police spokeswoman Dee Dee Gunther.

When the sales clerk refused, one of the men swung at the worker with a baseball bat, Gunther said. The worker avoided being struck and threw a rock at the car, shattering

a window.

The suspects grabbed two tires and drove off, Gunther said.

The duo returned to the store about an hour later looking for the worker who broke their window, said Tim Thompson, assistant manager of the tire shop.

The two fled after workers recognized them, but police were able to nab Williams and arrest him on suspicion of robbery, Gunther said.

Russia parliament rejects beer measure

MOSCOW — The upper house of the Russian parliament on Wednesday

rejected a bill that would have banned public beer consumption.

The bill already had been approved by the lower house of parliament, the State Duma, which is dominated by the pro-Kremlin United Russia party. The Federation Council, the upper house, which rarely challenges the Kremlin, had been widely expected to pass the measure.

However, the measure was rejected by a 40-73 vote, the Federation Council press service said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Visiting scholar Jennifer Connolly will speak about "Peace is Beautiful: Defusing Ethnic and Religious Violence in East Kalimantan, Indonesia" today from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

Alfonso Aguilar, head of the Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Washington, D.C. will talk today about "Building A Common Civic Identity" from 5 to 7 p.m. in 210 McKenna Hall.

A Fall Choral Concert by the Saint Mary's Women's Choir and the Collegiate Choir will be performed tonight at 7:30 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's College.

The Student Union Board will sponsor a showing of "The Manchurian Candidate" today from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

U.S. ambassador and Geerge Washington University professor Thomas McNamara will discuss the topic "Terrorist Rogue No More: Libya" today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Sports nutritionist Valerie Staples from the University Counseling Center will talk today about "Eating Disorders and the Notre Dame Student" from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the Aquatics classroom, Rolfs Aquatic Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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Walsh Hall names 2004 Mr. ND

Mr. Knott, sophomore John Lyons, wins fourth annual competition

By SARAH BARRETT
News Writer

The cream of the Notre Dame men's crop competed in the fourth annual Mr. ND Pageant Wednesday, as men from 13 of the male dorms on campus competed for the elusive title.

Each contestant allowed the 150 attendees get to know them a little bit better by performing their diverse talents ranging from poetry readings, song and dance and piano playing to magic tricks, karate and even baking.

Held in the LaFortune Ballroom, this event was put together by sophomore Kathleen O'Brien as part of Walsh Hall's 'Wild Week' and raised money for boxes of to donate to the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Auctioning off the contestants after the pageant as dates for Walsh Hall's dorm dinner, the organization raised \$85.

Having been serenaded, kissed on the hand and bribed with cookies, the judges declared John Lyons, Jeffery Stephens, Spence Zervoudakis, Brandon Hollihan and Pete Lavorini as the top five contestants, allowing them to move on to the second round of the pageant. The round consisted of



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer
Karl Liebenauer, Mr. Carroll, serenades the judges during the Mr. ND contest Wednesday night as the audience looks on.

questions concerning the contestants' favorite meal at the dining hall, their feelings on thefacebook.com and popped-collars and the color and contents of their own 'man-purse' if they had one.

Sophomore John Lyons last year's first runner-up and this year's winner said the pageant was a fun experience.

"It was pretty cool, just a bunch of great guys goofing

around and having a great time," Lyons said.

O'Brien felt that the talented contestants made for a wonderful pageant.

"It was a lot of work but I am glad it turned out really well," O'Brien said. "I hadn't had a lot of experience running a campus event but it turned out to be a lot of fun."

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Arafat, 75, dies after lapsing into coma

Future of Palestine, people unknown

Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Yasser Arafat, who triumphantly forced his people's plight into the world spotlight but failed to achieve his lifelong quest for Palestinian statehood, died Thursday at age 75.

The French military hospital where he had been treated for nearly a month said he died at 3:30 a.m. The Palestinian leader spent his final days there in a coma.

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat and Tayeb Abdel Rahim, a top Arafat aide, confirmed that Arafat died in a conversation with reporters at Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

White House spokesman Trent Duffy said the administration was waiting to comment until it confirmed Arafat had died. The State Department had no immediate comment.

The Palestinian parliament speaker will be sworn in as Palestinian Authority president in the coming hours.

Palestinian officials have said they want to ensure a smooth transition. Under Palestinian law, Parliament Speaker Rauhi Fattouh, a vir-

tual unknown, is to become caretaker president until elections are held in 60 days.

Arafat's last days were as murky and dramatic as his life. Flown to France on Oct. 29 after nearly three years of being penned in his West Bank headquarters by Israeli tanks, he initially improved but then sharply deteriorated as rumors swirled about his illness.

Top Palestinian officials flew in to check on their leader while Arafat's 41-year-old wife, Suha, publicly accused them of trying to usurp his powers. Ordinary Palestinians prayed for his well being, but expressed deep frustration over his failure to improve their lives.

Arafat's failure to groom a successor complicated his passing, raising the danger of factional conflict among Palestinians.

A visual constant in his checkered keffiyeh headdress, Arafat kept the Palestinians' cause at the center of the Arab-Israeli conflict. But he fell short of creating a Palestinian state, and, along with other secular Arab leaders of his generation, he saw his influence weakened by the rise of radical Islam in recent years.

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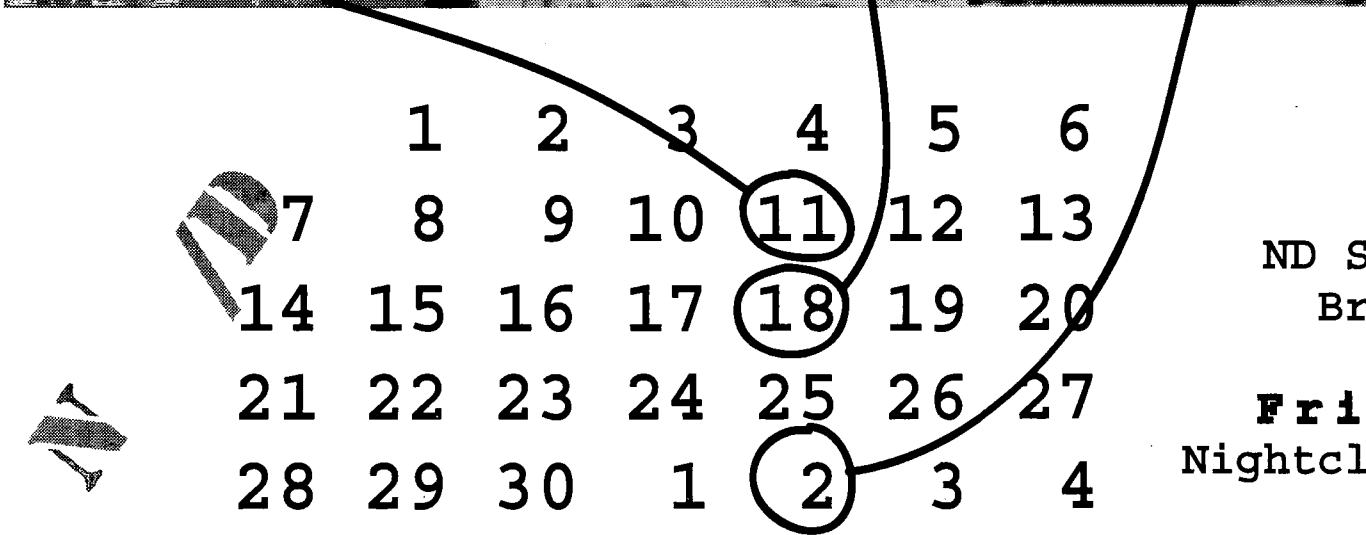
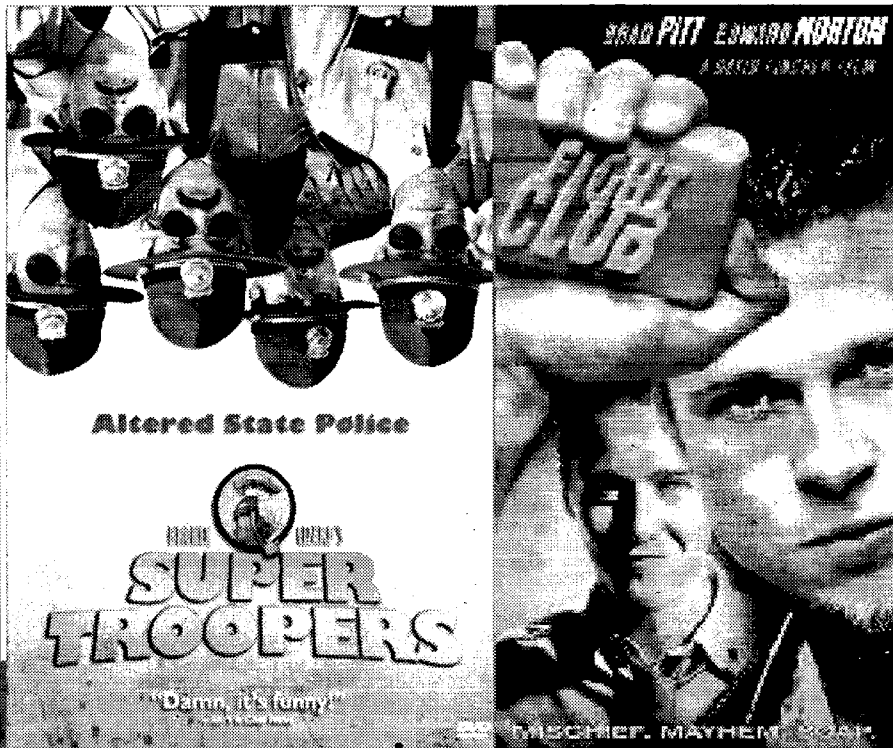
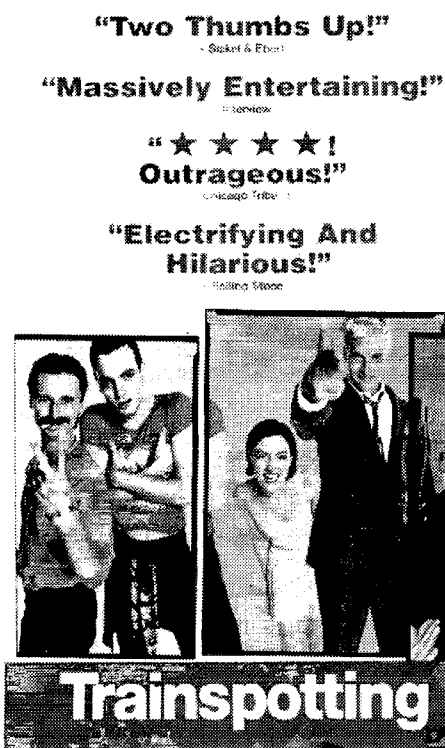
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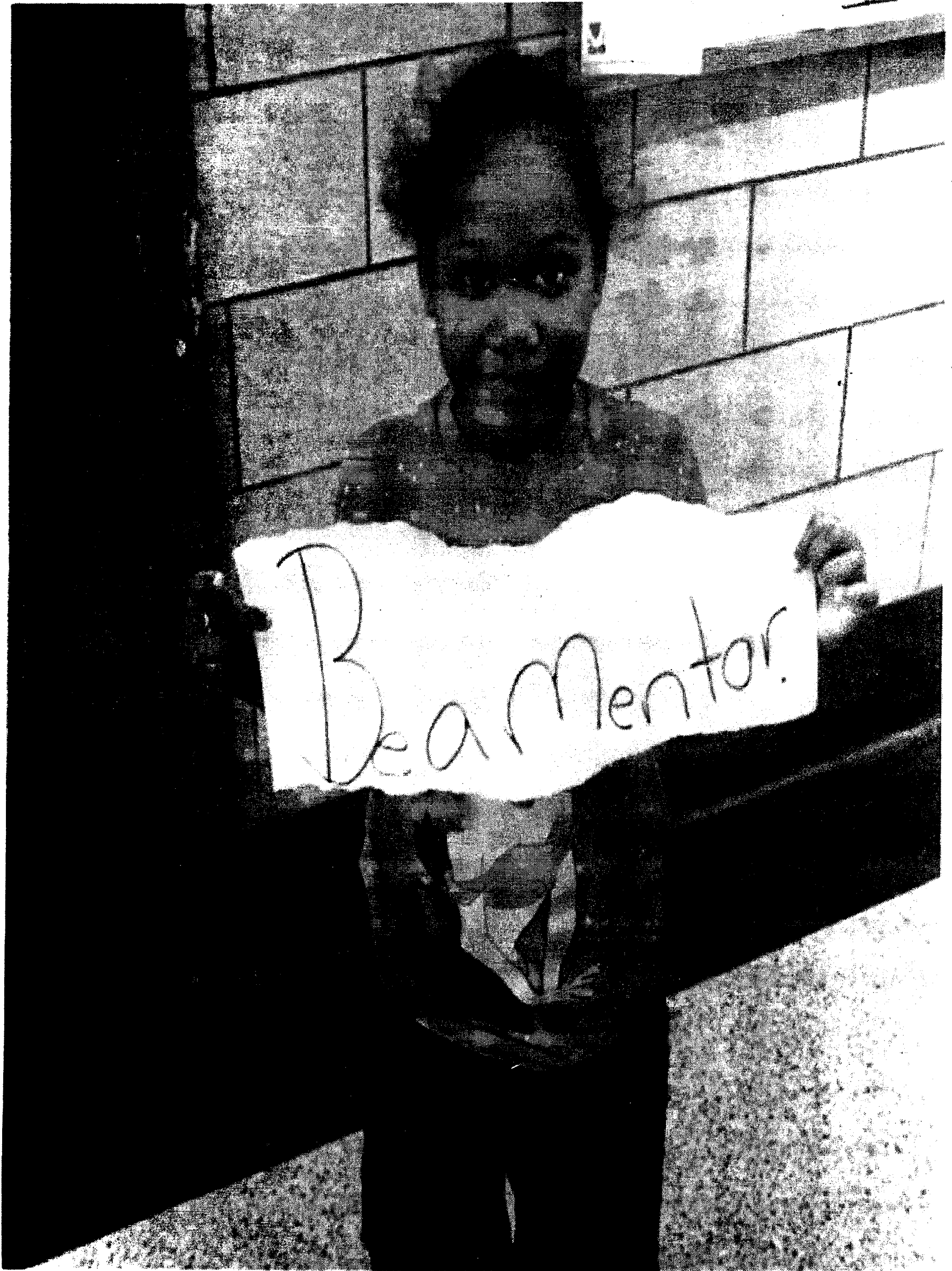
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Forces storm Dutch house, end standoff with terror suspects

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Special forces overpowered two suspected Islamic extremists Wednesday after a daylong armed standoff, adding to Dutch concerns that global terrorism has spread into their corner of Europe.

Police said five more suspects were detained in two other cities on a day that possible links emerged between the Muslim militant charged with murdering a Dutch filmmaker a week ago and terrorists allegedly involved in attacks and plots in Morocco and Spain.

The bloodshed began when police tried to force their way into a house in the Laak working-class neighborhood at 2:45 a.m. and a suspect threw a grenade, seriously injuring an officer, authorities said.

Ivory Coast foreigners evacuated

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — France, the United States and other nations launched one of the largest evacuations of Africa's post-independence era Wednesday, requisitioning commercial jets to fly out thousands of foreigners following attacks on civilians and peacekeeping troops.

French soldiers in boats plucked some of their trapped citizens from the banks of Abidjan's lagoons.

Long convoys sent out by the U.S. Embassy and other nations rounded up foreigners from their homes for evacuation as Ivory Coast's state TV alternately appealed for calm and for a mass uprising against the French, the country's former colonial rulers.

By late afternoon, much of Ivory Coast's largest city was quiet — the first break from violence since Saturday.

French President Jacques Chirac sternly demanded that President Laurent Gbagbo rein in thousands of hard-line supporters.

NATIONAL NEWS

Peterson foreman removed

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — The judge in the Scott Peterson murder trial removed the foreman from the jury Wednesday, the second time in two days a juror has been sent home.

The judge did not disclose why he removed juror No. 5, a man in his mid-40s who has both medical and law degrees. The juror was replaced by an alternate whose son-in-law now owns a restaurant that Scott and Laci Peterson themselves once owned.

ACLU sues over new charity rules

WASHINGTON — The American Civil Liberties Union and a dozen nonprofit groups are suing the government over new rules requiring organizations that receive money from a federal employees' charitable drive to check their staffs against terrorist watch lists.

The lawsuit against the Office of Personnel Management disputes a policy in the agency's Combined Federal Campaign that requires participating charities to certify they don't knowingly employ people or contribute money to organizations found on the terrorist watch lists of the United States, the United Nations or the European Union.

The CFC allows federal employees to have deductions taken from their paychecks and given to designated charities. It is the nation's largest workplace charity drive.

LOCAL NEWS

Million-dollar scheme thwarted

INDIANAPOLIS — A prosecutor said Hoosier Lottery officials waited for months without telling police about a scheme to illegally cash in a winning \$1 million ticket.

An informant alerted authorities to the scam in which two men bought the winning ticket after being told by a lottery security officer to which store it had been sent.

IRAQ

Coalition forces face resistance

Troops exchange fire in Fallujah, gunmen kidnap prime minister's relatives

Associated Press

FALLUJAH — Fireballs and tracer fire lit up the night sky over Fallujah and the sounds of artillery echoed in the streets Wednesday as U.S. and Iraqi troops fought pockets of resistance. Opening a second front, guerrillas mounted attacks in other cities and kidnapped three relatives of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

Troops found "hostage slaughterhouses" where foreign captives had been killed, according to the Iraqi commander, Maj. Gen. Abdul Qader Mohammed Jassem Mohan. The abandoned houses had hostages' documents, CDs showing captives being killed, and black clothing worn by militants in videos.

But it appeared troops did not find any of the at least nine foreigners still in kidnappers' hands — including two Americans.

U.S. and Iraqi forces seized Fallujah's city hall compound before dawn after a gunbattle with insurgents who hit U.S. tanks with anti-armor rockets. Iraqi soldiers swept into a police station in the compound and raised an Iraqi flag above it.

Throughout the day, Americans hit the militants with artillery and mortars, and warplanes fired on the city's main street and market as well as the insurgent stronghold of Jolan, one of several neighborhoods where troops were skirmishing with militants.

In what could be a sign of progress, the Marines began turning over Jolan to Iraqi forces, signaling that Marines consider the area relatively secure. Even so, an Associated



A marine of the 1st Division uses a bolt cutter to take off the handcuffs of an Iraqi at a makeshift military hospital in Fallujah, Iraq on Wednesday.

Press reporter embedded with them witnessed continued clashes in Jolan and smoke billowing from the heart of the neighborhood late Wednesday.

The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, told President Bush on Wednesday that his troops were "making very good progress" securing Iraq.

"He said that things are going well in Fallujah," Bush said, adding that his Iraq commanders had not asked for more troops. The U.S. military has sent

up to 15,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops into the battle, backed by tanks, artillery and attack aircraft.

Lt. Gen. John F. Sattler, the commanding general of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said insurgents had been reduced to "small pockets, blind, moving throughout the city. And we will continue to hunt them down and destroy them."

"When they attempted to flee from one zone to another they were killed," Sattler said. "We feel very

comfortable that none of them moved back toward the north or escaped on the flanks."

At least 71 militants have been killed by early Wednesday, the third day of intense urban combat, the military said. As of Tuesday night, 10 U.S. troops and two members of the Iraqi security forces had been killed. Marine reports Wednesday said 25 American troops and 16 Iraqi soldiers were wounded. There was no new report Wednesday on U.S. military deaths.

Bush nominates Gonzales for post

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush nominated White House counsel Alberto Gonzales, who helped shape the administration's controversial legal strategy in the war on terror, to be attorney general Wednesday. He would be the first Hispanic ever to serve as the nation's top law enforcement officer.

"He is a calm and steady voice in times of crisis," Bush said, his eyes glistening with emotion as he stood next to Gonzales. "He has an unwavering principle of respect for the law."

After complaints about civil rights abuses in the name of fighting terror,

Gonzales said, "There should be no question regarding the department's commitment to justice for every American. On this principle there can be no compromise."

A Harvard educated attorney whose parents were migrant workers, the soft-spoken Gonzales would succeed Attorney General John Ashcroft, one of the most powerful and polarizing members of Bush's Cabinet.

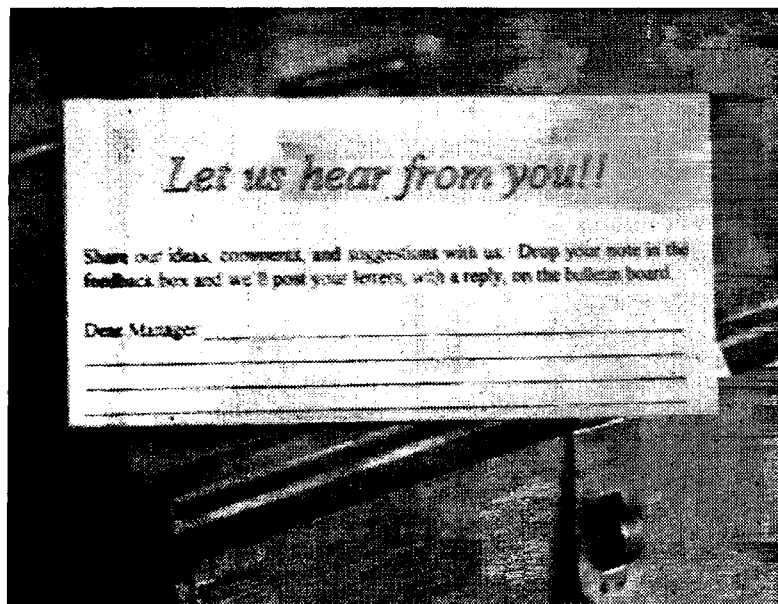
"Just give me a chance to prove myself" — that is a common prayer for those in my community," said Gonzales. "Mr. President, thank you for that chance."

Some of Ashcroft's harshest critics welcomed his selection, while others

voiced doubts.

"It's encouraging that the president has chosen someone less polarizing," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "We will have to review his record very carefully, but I can tell you already he's a better candidate than John Ashcroft." Another Democrat, Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota, said the Senate generally allows the president to choose his own team. "I don't think that's going to change much," he said.

The American Civil Liberties Union reserved judgment on Gonzales, but its executive director, Anthony Romero, said, "What we do know, however, raises some significant doubts and trouble."



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A wooden comment box sits near the entrance of South Dining Hall. Comments are reviewed by staff and posted for students.

Surveys

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mer general manager for North Dining Hall, said implementing variety changes was easier in a smaller atmosphere.

"There's a difference in how you can do things," he said. "If you come to me and say, 'I don't like what you served for dinner Wednesday night,' I can change that ... because it's a smaller group here."

Bowles said many students do provide personal opinions on various aspects of the dining hall each day.

Since he came to Saint Mary's, a comment card system has been used which allows students to get almost instant reactions to their comments. Cards with responses from the dining hall staff are posted daily for general viewing and have prompted the appearance of such menu items as

wraps, a hot dog bar, a taco bar and a full-time deli.

"We get more positive comments than negative on cards," Bowles said. "We'll do those things, not because they're healthy options, but because students asked for it."

Poklinkowski said South Dining Hall also uses a comment system.

"Our operations manager has comment cards [posted] really close to the exits. It used to be a lot more popular... now, as

we're filling up, and able to offer a lot more, the suggestions have gone down greatly," he said.

He said the yearly survey, with 17 different sections for students to rate food services on, tends to have a bigger impact. Last fall, survey results demonstrated a plunge in student and faculty opinion of the appearance of South Dining Hall. As a result, the problem — which food services would not have known existed without the survey — was immediately solved.

"One of the things that we had last year that South really

dropped was appearance of facility," he said.

"We've been getting [workers] out in the dining rooms more frequently now [and] the table's still fresh for people to go out and sit in. That's one of the most recent examples of how we've used the survey."

Both schools said they would begin reviewing survey results as

soon as they are tabulated, in order to make changes accordingly. Bowles emphasized the need for as much honest student input as possible in order to provide a positive dining experience.

"We want people to understand that we're doing what we can to improve not just the quality of food, but the quality of life on campus," he said.

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Senate

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students' names, room numbers and phone numbers.

The resolution specifies that the Ticket Share Program is designed to be a free exchange, and that exchanges in one dorm are not limited to residents of that dorm.

Off-campus students can use the Off-campus Web site as their exchange system.

"Hanging dorms a program that will work is the best idea for the situation, and shows that student government cares," Badin senator Lizzi Shappell said.

The resolution passed unanimously.

Senate also discussed an amendment to the section of the student union constitution about general student body elections, but it could not be fully debated or voted on because of Senate rules.

The changes mainly concern write-in candidates and run-off elections.

Under current rules, write-in candidates — those who missed

the deadline to appear on the ballot or switched tickets — need only 150 signatures on a petition to be approved.

The amended rule requires 50 percent of the required signatures for the position to be submitted. That would mean in the presidential race that requires 700 signatures for a candidate to appear on the ballot, a write-in candidate would need 350.

A second change removes the option for abstention from the runoff ballot.

"Given what happened last year [when a b s t e n t i o n received 8 percent in the runoff, giving neither candidate a majority], it would be better if abstention was not an option," Siegfried senator and vice presidential candidate in last year's election James Leito said. "We will have a primary with the option to abstain, but in a runoff election, students should just choose between the two remaining

candidates or not vote."

The amendment also gives Senate the power to decide the election only in the event of an absolute tie in voting in the runoff — as opposed to the absence of a majority for either candidate — removes the obligation of senators to vote according to the breakdown of their respective dorms in that event.

There was debate over releasing senators of this obligation, but it was emphasized by a number of senators that the event of an absolute tie was very unlikely.

"The goal here is to make it so the person with the most votes

always wins," student body president Adam Istvan said of the amendment.

Debate on the amendment will continue next Wednesday.

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Lizzi Shappell
Badin senator

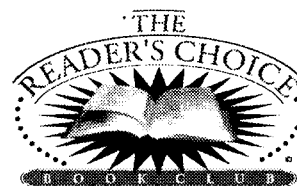
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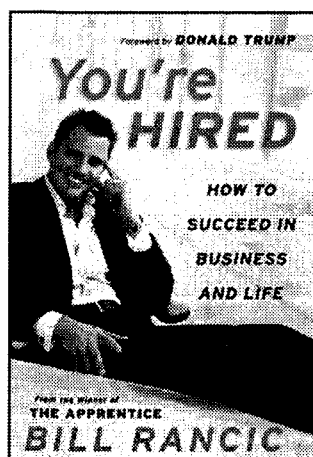
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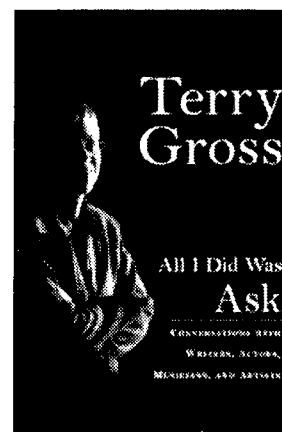


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AMEX	1,335.23	+8.58	
NASDAQ	2,034.56	-8.77	
NYSE	6,891.22	+4.88	
S&P 500	1,162.91	-1.17	
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	10,994.96	+0.00	
FTSE 100(London)	4,734.50	+16.80	

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-6.63	-1.31	18.44
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.95	-0.22	22.86
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.13	-0.04	29.73
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-2.75	-0.13	4.60
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+0.22	+0.03	13.38

Treasuries			
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10-YEAR NOTE	+0.85	+0.36	42.54
5-YEAR NOTE	+1.62	+0.57	35.71
3-MONTH BILL	-0.39	-0.08	20.29

Commodities			
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IN BRIEF

MGM Mirage to build megacasino

LAS VEGAS — Gambling giant MGM Mirage intends to build a new 4,000-room megaresort and sprawling urban development in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip, a project that would dramatically change the landscape of this city's most important commercial center.

MGM Mirage officials are calling the ambitious plan "Project CityCenter," and they believe it will help transform Las Vegas into a sophisticated, multidimensional city, one that rivals other major metropolitan areas.

"Our master plan represents a significant new direction for our city and our company," said Terry Lanni, MGM Mirage Inc.'s chairman and chief executive.

The multibillion-dollar project includes three, 400-room boutique hotels, approximately 550,000 square feet of retail shops, dining and entertainment venues, and a 1,650-unit luxury condominium complex.

The massive development will be built on a 66-acre site between the Bellagio and Monte Carlo hotel-casinos, with the first phase creating 12,000 jobs.

U.S. dollar slumps to all-time low

BERLIN — The U.S. dollar slumped to a new all-time low Wednesday against the euro, which briefly rose above \$1.30 for the first time after data showed the U.S. trade deficit above \$50 billion in September for the fourth straight month.

The euro briefly rose to \$1.3007 after the trade figures were released, breaking its two-day-old record of \$1.2987 before dropping back. In late New York trading, the euro was quoted at \$1.2895, down slightly from \$1.2903 late Tuesday.

The dollar's recent drop against the 12-nation European currency's recent rally has been fueled by persistent worries over high oil prices and the U.S. trade and budget deficits.

September, which beat most forecasts with exports posting their best month on record.

"The market is as the market does," said David Bloom, a currency strategist at HSBC Bank PLC in London.

Federal Reserve ups interest rates

One-quarter percentage point increase cited to ameliorate economy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve boosted a key short-term interest rate by one-quarter percentage point Wednesday. Citing an improving economy and "well contained" inflation, it said further increases would be gradual.

The rate increases are part of a credit-tightening campaign to bring rates back up to more normal levels now that the economy's recovery from the 2001 recession is more deeply rooted.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee colleagues — who set interest rate policy in the United States — increased the target for the federal funds rate to 2 percent from 1.75 percent.

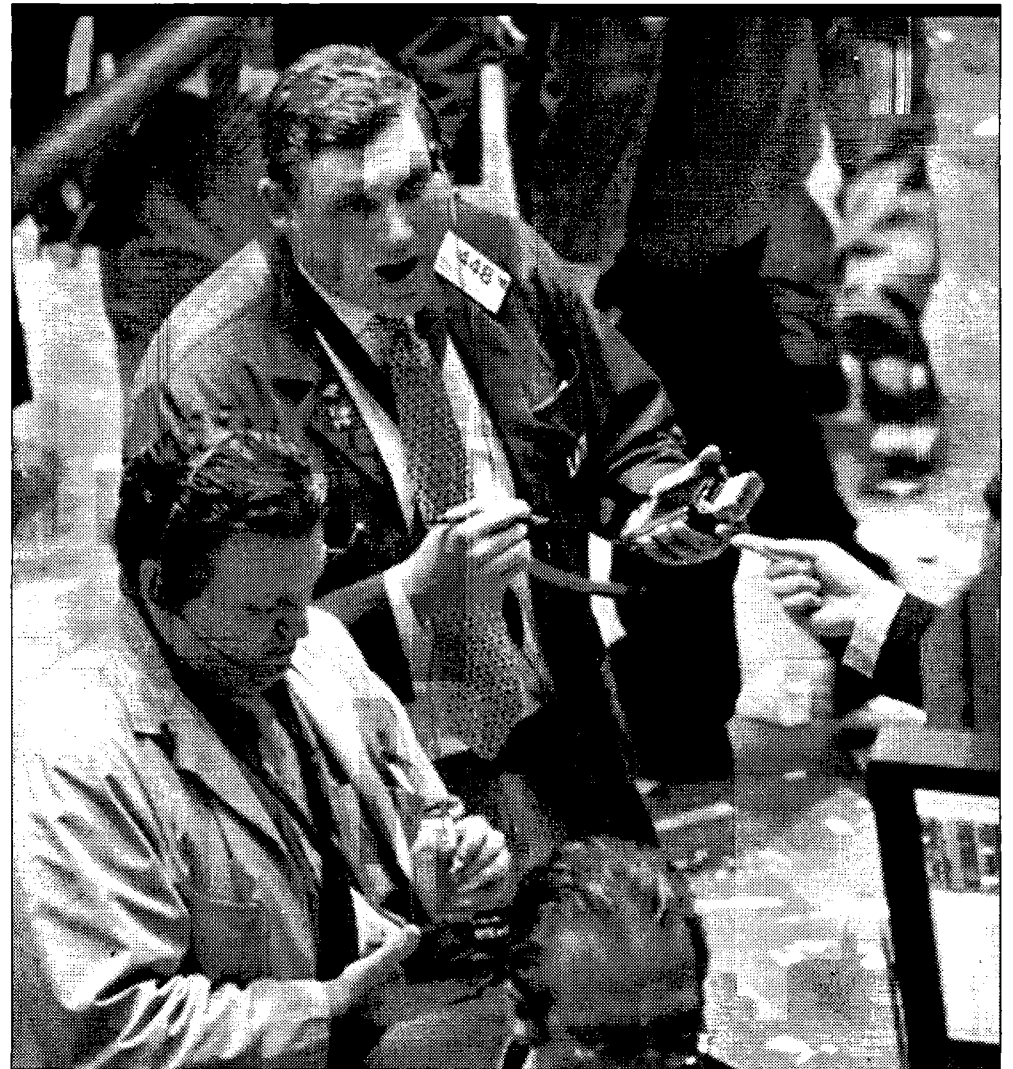
The funds rate is the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans and is the Fed's primary tool for influencing economic activity.

In response to the Fed's decision to push up the funds rate, Wells Fargo said it was increasing by a corresponding amount its prime lending rate for many short-term consumer and business loans to 5 percent from 4.75 percent. Other commercial banks were expected to follow suit.

The Fed's current rate-raising campaign began in June with a quarter-point boost, marking the first rate increase in four years. The Fed bumped up rates again by a quarter-point in August and September and then once more Wednesday.

Fed policy-makers stuck to their view that future rate increases would be gradual. They said rates could rise at a pace likely to be "measured," retaining language contained in previous statements.

On the economy, the Fed said it "appears to be



Wall Street floor traders make their final trades of the day shortly before the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange in New York on Wednesday.

growing at a moderate pace despite the rise in energy prices, and labor market conditions have improved."

The Fed also said inflation and longer-term inflation expectations "remain well contained," another reason the Fed can stick with its gradual approach to raising rates.

The vote was unanimous.

"Monetary policy-makers seem quite pleased with the current state of the economy," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Banc of America Capital Management. Still, she said, "The Fed's task is not complete. Policy-makers want to see rates at more normal levels with

the belief the economy no longer needs the prop of excessively low interest rates."

Economists believe the odds are increasing for the Fed to boost the funds rate again on Dec. 14, at its last meeting of the year. Before the good news on October payrolls, many economists believed the Fed would probably stand pat at the December meeting.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials were up around 10 points in trading after the Fed's announcement.

The Fed's latest rate increase comes as many economists believe the economy has emerged from a late spring and

early summer soft patch.

The economy added a sizable 337,000 jobs in October, the most since March, the government said last week. While the figures were helped by job gains related to hurricane cleanup efforts, they nonetheless raised hopes that the recovery in the labor market, which has been uneven, is gaining some real traction.

The pickup in October's payrolls was welcome news to President Bush, who sparred frequently with Democratic rival John Kerry over the health of the labor market and job losses that have occurred since Bush took office in January 2001.

Calif. settles lawsuit with Diebold

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Diebold Inc. agreed Wednesday to pay \$2.6 million to settle a lawsuit filed by California alleging that the electronic voting company sold the state and several counties shoddy voting equipment.

Although critics characterized the settlement as a slap on the wrist, Diebold also agreed to pay an undisclosed sum to partially reimburse Alameda, San Diego and other counties for the cost of paper backup ballots, ink and other supplies in last week's election. California's secretary of state banned the use of one type of Diebold machine in May,

after problems with the machines disenfranchised an unknown number of voters in the March primary.

Faulty equipment forced at least 6,000 of 316,000 voters in Alameda County, just east of San Francisco, to use backup paper ballots instead of the paperless voting terminals. In San Diego County, a power surge resulted in hundreds of touchscreens that wouldn't start when the polls opened, forcing election officials to turn voters away from the polls.

According to the settlement, the North Canton, Ohio-based company must also upgrade ballot tabulation software that Los Angeles County and others used Nov. 2. Diebold

must also strengthen the security of its paperless voting machines and computer servers and promise never to connect voting systems to outside networks.

"There is no more fundamental right in our democracy than the right to vote and have your vote counted," California Attorney General Bill Lockyer said in a statement. "In making false claims about its equipment, Diebold treated that right, and the taxpayers who bought its machines, cavalierly."

The original lawsuit was filed a year ago by electronic voting critic Bev Harris and activist Jim March, who characterized the \$2.6 million settlement as "peanuts."

Cemetery

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Respect Life Week in October, but Daufenbach said multiple cross demonstrations per year could become the norm.

In contrast to the October display, a Notre Dame Security/Police officer will be present during the night hours of this week's demonstration to guard against possible vandalism.

Officer A. Bridges said NDSP officers stationed near the South Quad entrance to Hurley Hall would take shifts from evening to sunrise Wednesday and Thursday nights.

"We'd do what we do normally — get students names and IDs," said Bridges about any possible vandalism attempts.

Daufenbach said that during the approval for the current display the group approached associate vice president for student affairs Bill Kirk with a request for some type of security.

"We raised the concern because the cemetery was destroyed last time," she said.

In addition to the NDSP presence, Daufenbach said Right to Life members would also be present during the night hours.

"From 12 to 6 a.m. there will be club members praying around the crosses," she said.

Daufenbach said the club chose this week for the display because of the home football game.

Daufenbach and Cathy Provenzale, an organizer for both demonstrations, said the vandalism directed at the first demonstration prompted a strong response from club members in favor of another display.

Provenzale said when the crosses were torn down in October, many people stopped throughout the day to help set the crosses back up.

"I felt that, even more than doing the crosses again, this was just a testament to the pro-life sentiment on-campus,"

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ABC pulls special

'Saving Private Ryan,' will not air tonight

Associated Press

NEW YORK — More than 20 ABC affiliates around the country have announced that they won't take part in the network's Veterans Day airing of "Saving Private Ryan," saying the acclaimed film's violence and language could draw sanctions from the Federal Communications Commission.

The decisions mark a twist in the conflict over the aggressive stand the FCC has taken against obscenity and profanity since Janet Jackson flashed the world during the last Super Bowl halftime show.

Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning movie aired on ABC with relatively little controversy in 2001 and 2002, but station owners — including several in large markets — are unnerved that airing it

Thursday could bring federal punishment. The film includes a violent depiction of the D-Day invasion and profanity.

"It would clearly have been our preference to run the movie. We think it's a patriotic, artistic tribute to our fighting forces," Ray Cole, president of Citadel Communications, told AP Radio. The company owns three ABC affiliates in the Midwest.

Other stations choosing to replace the movie with other programming are located in Atlanta, Dallas, Honolulu, New Orleans, Milwaukee, Phoenix, Orlando, Fla., and Charlotte, N.C. They are owned by a variety of companies, including Cox Television, Tribune Broadcasting Corp., Hearst-Argyle Television Inc., Belo Corp. and Sinclair Broadcast Group.

Veterans

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diers. The vigil will conclude at 4:30 p.m. today with a speech by University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh.

Veterans Day ceremonies have been a part of the Notre Dame experience since 1926, when it was referred to as Armistice Day and honored those who fought in World War I.

Commander of the Air Force ROTC Mike Zenk helped plan the event this year. He said the location of the event helps highlight Notre Dame veterans, but said the ceremony still seeks to honor all veterans, regardless of their origin.

"Father Hesburgh makes a point that the peace memorial was designed to honor Notre Dame graduates who have given the ultimate sacrifice," said Zenk.

Though it might be easy to walk by the fountain without taking notice of the military members, it is the silence and solemnity of the tribute that makes it so powerful according to students on campus.

Many students walking by Clarke Memorial took note of the ceremony but continued on their way.

Junior Jana Lamplota, however, sat quietly and watched as the military members assumed their places at the start of the vigil.

"I just have a very deep appreciation for Veterans Day," Lamplota said. "It's a beautiful ceremony."

Lamplota, who has attended the concluding ceremony for the last two years, was pleasantly surprised to be drinking her coffee on North Quad when the vigil began.

"It strikes me because many of the students standing guard are seniors who will be serving

our country in a very important way next year," she said.

Cadet Captain Patrick McHugh, a senior in the Army ROTC, acknowledged the unity that the vigil cultivates between the three branches on campus.

"It's a chance for us to gather all three branches of the military," McHugh said as he waited his turn to stand guard at the fountain. "It reminds us of the distinct brotherhood and sisterhood that unites all members of the military. We're all out here for the same reason."

Indeed, the separation between the three branches was apparent as cadets and midshipmen arrived for their shifts.

Many were meeting each other for the first time. After shaking hands and introducing themselves, Cadet Captain John Tritschler and Midshipman 3rd Class Emmanuel Zervoudakis, recognized the importance of bringing the entire ROTC program together for Veterans Day.

"We play sports against each other, but this is an opportunity to come together and show support for all veterans," Zervoudakis said.

Sandwiched between Halloween and Thanksgiving, Veterans Day is a holiday not always given a great amount of attention. Yet, Mike Edwards, retired Lt. Col. and retired professor of military science, believes Notre Dame does a fine job of acknowledging the importance of the holiday.

"I think it's terrific the way the ROTC programs commemorate the holiday," Edwards said. "They absolutely do an adequate job of showing appreciation for veterans."

Wednesday at 5 p.m., the Air

Force Rifle Drill Team performed a routine in front of the fountain. The nine members performing the routine were in full uniform.

Many ROTC members attended the drill team routine to view the culmination of the team's hard work.

"I am amazed at how good our drill team looks. It is very impressive," said freshman Joseph Janke, who was scheduled to stand guard at 8 a.m. today.

Most students would likely not look forward to standing out in the cold in the early hours of the morning, but project officer

Caitlin Diffley emphasized the satisfaction ROTC members derive from participating.

"It is awesome to be able to do this," she said. "When you consider how so many people have sacrificed their lives for our country, it is not hard to stand out in the cold late at night. It is so small com-

pared to what others have done."

Still, the presence of the veterans themselves is what completes the ceremony.

Stephanie Lutz, who has participated in the ceremony for two years and was watching the drill team routine, said it's not the gaze of onlookers that makes her proud, but the acknowledgement from veterans who approach the memorial with expressions of gratitude.

"In my experiences here, it is always the most meaningful when the old veterans come up to us with tears in their eyes saying thanks," she said.

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Supplement linked to disease

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A New York City company is recalling two Chinese herbal supplements because they contain a carcinogen linked to kidney disease, the company said Wednesday.

Kingsway Trading Inc. of Brooklyn said it is recalling its dietary pills Double Deers Formula brand Expellin Extract (Concentrated) and Cardioflex. The company said it stopped distribution of the products after being notified by the Food and Drug Administration that they contain aristolochic acid, a carcinogen and toxin found in

plants that has been associated with some cases of kidney failure and an increased risk of kidney cancer.

Expellin extract has been marketed to relieve headaches and sinus congestion, while Cardioflex is suggested for maintaining cardiovascular and circulatory health. Both supplements were imported from China and distributed nationwide through retailers and acupuncture clinics since May 2000.

The FDA confirmed the recall Wednesday and advised consumers who have taken the products to contact their health care provider immediately. No

illnesses related to the products have been reported, the company and the FDA said.

"Even if these products have not been used recently, consumers should still inform their health care provider about which product they took, so that an appropriate evaluation may be conducted," said FDA spokeswoman Kimberly A. Rawlings.

The recall covers all lots of the two products, a total of 2,873 units, the company said.

Consumers can return the recalled products to their place of purchase for a full refund. The company can be contacted with questions at 718-366-2300.

Drug exposed as risk, Pfizer stock plunges

Painkiller dangerous for heart disease patients

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A scientist's claim of evidence that Pfizer Inc.'s Bextra might be even riskier for people with heart disease than rival arthritis drug Vioxx sparked controversy Wednesday at a medical meeting and sent the company's stock lower.

Dr. Garret FitzGerald, a University of Pennsylvania cardiologist who helped test these types of drugs years ago, told a medical conference that he had reanalyzed some previously published studies on Bextra and concluded that it roughly doubled the risk of heart attacks and strokes — the reason Merck & Co. pulled Vioxx off the market in October.

But FitzGerald's numbers haven't been published or independently reviewed, and he presented only partial information in a speech rather than a scientific session at the American Heart Association meeting where others could evaluate and critique it.

Pfizer, which besides Bextra also sells a similar painkiller, Celebrex, complained FitzGerald had selectively chosen data that made results appear worse than they were from larger studies of Bextra's safety.

"Pfizer has shared Bextra clinical results in a timely manner with regulatory authorities both in the United States and worldwide," said Dr. Joseph Feczko, Pfizer's president of worldwide development.

FitzGerald said Pfizer and the federal Food and Drug Administration should move more forcefully to determine whether the labels of the whole class of drugs — called cox-2 inhibitors — need to carry a

warning of risks in heart disease patients, and to do larger studies to define their safety for people with arthritis but not heart risks.

He and others have criticized Merck and the FDA for not removing Vioxx before 80 million people took it and the risks became known.

In an opinion piece in the New England Journal of Medicine last month, FitzGerald argued that studies long ago suggest that the problems with Vioxx are a "class effect" shared by other cox-2 inhibitors.

The same mechanism that inhibits inflammation and

makes the drugs easier on the stomach than traditional painkillers also blocks a substance that prevents heart problems, FitzGerald believes.

"We have a clear mechanism that applies to this class that explains not only

"This has shifted the burden of proof onto those who would have to establish that this is not a class effect."

Dr. Garrett FitzGerald
cardiologist

what happened but how it happened," he said.

In light of the Vioxx withdrawal and his alleged new analysis showing risks of Bextra, "This has shifted the burden of proof onto those who would have to establish that this is not a class effect," he said.

The Food and Drug Administration plans to convene an advisory committee in February to review the safety of all cox-2 inhibitors.

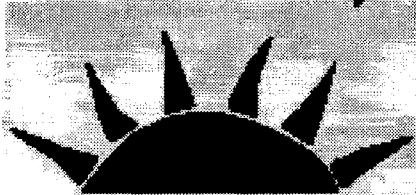
"We look forward to a scientific and reasoned evaluation in this appropriate setting," Pfizer's Feczko said.

Shares of Pfizer fell 52 cents, or 2 percent, to close at \$27.47 on the New York Stock Exchange, only slightly above their 52-week low of \$27.20.

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Relinquishing partisanship

The early hours of Nov. 3 found me shocked and disappointed as my hopes for a new president steadily slipped away. John Kerry might not have been a perfect candidate, but I believe that he would have been a capable leader who would have made great strides in uniting a divided nation.

Molly Acker

Nobody likes a dumb blonde

After getting over the initial surprise that the American people had really opted for four more years of "Dubya," I realized that plenty of good came out of this election.

First and foremost, last Tuesday saw the highest percentage of voter turnout since the 1968 election. Of particular interest was the fact that some 20.9 million Americans under the age of thirty voted. This marks an increase of 4.6 million from the 2000 election — I'm sure this can be largely attributed to P. Diddy's inspiring "Vote or Die" campaign. In short, Democrats and Republicans alike emphasized the importance of getting out and voting, and the country responded.

Another positive element of this campaign came as a result of last month's debates. Both candidates were effective in using the debates to energize their bases. More importantly, Sen. John Kerry and President George W.

Bush used the forum to help bring several key issues to the forefront of voters' consciousness. Obviously, the war on terrorism, Bush's war in Iraq, abortion, gay rights and the economy dominated the debates. However, the contests also caused people to think about taxes, health care and Supreme Court nominations. Regardless of which candidate was more effective in the debates, they both succeeded in bringing these topics into our national discussion.

If you are anything like me, you are not thrilled with the idea of Bush in office for four more years. Still it is important to support the president and the United States. I have heard many people claim that they are going to leave the country until the 2008 election. Do not go packing your bags quite yet. It is time to stop complaining and begin trying to make a difference in America. Do not let the issues that you felt so passionately about prior to last Tuesday go to rest until the next election cycle.

This is not a time for partisanship. This is a time for people in Red States and Blue States to band together and try to repair some of the deep divisions in our country. For Democrats, that does not mean that you should go invest in a NASCAR bumper sticker to put on your car. Instead, start with something

simple. Whether or not you agree with the war in Iraq, it is important to support the troops. Rather than complaining about the war and its causes, stand behind the brave men and women who are overseas defending our rights.

Similarly, this is not a time for Republicans to tout "political capital" or gloat about a supposed mandate. Instead, it is a time to reach out to Democrats and look for some common ground. For the president, a good start would be to heed the words of his opponent, Kerry. In his concession speech he reminded the country, "But in an American election, there are no losers, because whether or not our candidates are successful, the next morning we all wake up as Americans. That is the greatest privilege and the most remarkable good fortune that can come to us on Earth. With that gift also comes obligation. We are required now to work together for the good of our country."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Show some consistency in your loyalty

To the current students of the University, I feel the need to enlighten those who may be confused regarding the leadership of our football team. This past Saturday, Notre Dame students stared at their television sets in a fixed glaze of disbelief, excitement and, for some, relief. Eyes were glued until the very last second of play to ensure the Irish victory.

Following the game, students bellowed out in excitement; running through dorm hallways and chanting down South Quad, only to be followed moments later by silence and crude reflection: if we can beat Tennessee (no. 11) and Michigan (no. 9), then why can't we defeat the mainstream teams like BYU and Boston College (no. 21)?

Students, who moments before were heard avidly commending our fearless student-athletes, were still complaining about the leadership of coach Tyrone Willingham. In addition to doubtful believers, the alumni's impatient, hard-to-satisfy attitude seems to eclipse our community's air of success.

First, I feel that it is imperative for me to share certain facts with you about college football. In today's world, there is more parity in college football compared to the "glory days" under coaching legends such as Rockne, Leahy, Parseghian and Holtz. The resilient streak of Notre Dame's football preeminence — 11 national championships from 1924-1988 — made Notre Dame college football's benchmark for excellence. Due to the reduced number of scholarships and the expansion of television game coverage, there are now many exceptional football programs throughout the country. That's why smaller teams like Baylor can defeat historically dominant programs like Texas A&M (no. 22).

The ship is clearly turned in the right direction, and now is not the time to take the wind out of the sails. Defeating Michigan and Tennessee demonstrates the caliber of our team. The school doesn't need disruption now, from the alumni or band-wagon fans. Instead, it needs to fill the holes and develop consistency. Willingham's presence will develop that consistency. You will have some of the best high school

football players aspiring to play under Willingham. Let's not dwell on the losses of the past and lose the next year or two's future All-Americans because of the uncertainty of Notre Dame football leadership.

Willingham has proven that in addition to high academic standards, both at Stanford and Notre Dame, he has been able to attract and motivate football players that can play at a top 25 program level. Be careful what you wish for, alumni, for if Willingham leaves, he will be successful at whatever job he takes — college or professional level. (Could you imagine him taking the Florida head coaching job, with a hot bed of Florida talent without the academic pressure in addition to the incredible economic support that the University of Florida's football program is accustomed to receiving. He'd probably have a national title within three years.)

If Willingham and the Irish beat no. 1 USC in the Memorial Coliseum, that should guarantee him a contract renewal. The alumni, as well as the student body, need to realize that our football organization is well equipped with some of the best coaches and student-athletes that put it on the line every weekend. As the saying goes, football game day is like "Any Given Saturday." The jesters of the court could bring mighty kings to their knees on a so-called "good day." The players cannot blame anyone if they fail; there are simply no excuses on the athletic field. Rather, they must be prepared for their next opponent who would love nothing more than to boast about beating the Irish. We are the fans, they are the coaches; they are the players; and "We are all ND." They need our support. They need our encouragement. And they need our loyalty now more than ever. That is the essence of the Notre Dame "family." To the players and coaches I say this: Get 'er done, and Go Irish!

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Nov. 10

OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

Nathan Hale
captain, American Revolution

'The Year of the Eucharist'

Are you sick of politics? Consider the derivation of the word. Some say that "poli" means many and "tics" are little blood-sucking creatures. The profession of politics, of course, is honorable. But, whatever side we were on in the recent election, we can be excused if we suspect that politicians don't have all the answers, neither for what ails the country nor for the issues in our own lives. Maybe it is time to look elsewhere.

Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

When John Paul II instituted Eucharistic adoration at St. Peter's basilica in 1981, he said: "The best ... way of establishing everlasting peace on the face of the earth is through ... Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament." For many years, Notre Dame has had the Eucharist exposed for adoration on Friday afternoons in the Basilica. Since 1997, on student initiative and with the aid of Campus Ministry, we have adoration also on Monday through Thursday in the Coleman-Morse chapel.

Why is this important? First of all, because Christ is really there. "In the ... Eucharist, the body and blood, ... soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained. This presence is called real, by which is not intended to exclude the

other types of presence ... but because it is presence in the fullest sense ... it is substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present." (Catechism, no. 1374)

This reality will come as a news flash to many Catholics. Surveys show that 70 percent of Catholics in the 18 to 44 age group believe the Eucharist is merely a "symbolic reminder" of Christ. This is not surprising in light of the pathetic state of "Catholic" elementary, secondary and higher education. As Father John A. Hardon, put it, "There was never a time when the world needed to be educated in faith in Christ [and] belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist, more than today. It is the same Jesus who worked miracles in first century Palestine. He is ready to perform miracles of conversion in our day, provided we believe that He is here with us in the Blessed Sacrament."

Recent years have seen a resurgence of adoration in parishes and Catholic colleges. When you do it, you will see the reason.

"People are hungry for God," said Mother Teresa of Calcutta. "When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes

in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit; they experience peace and strength."

Notre Dame has Eucharistic adoration in the Basilica on Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and in Coleman-Morse, Monday through Thursday from noon

to 7 p.m. Contact senior Christina DeHan for information or to sign up. But you don't have to contact anybody. Just show up. Stay for as long or as short a time as you wish. You can pray, read or just think. You might ask, "What am I going to do for half an hour or fifteen minutes, just sitting there? Suppose I fall asleep?" As

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen noted, "that's the way the Apostles made their first Holy Hour in the Garden." So falling asleep should not be a concern. Just be there to spend time with Christ.

Why do it? Because it works. When Mother Teresa was asked, "What will convert America and save the world?" she replied: "My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."

John Paul II has proclaimed the Year of the Eucharist, from October 2004 to

"On student initiative we have adoration ... Monday through Thursday in the Coleman-Morse chapel."

October 2005. "During this year," he said, "take the time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist, ... to make reparation ... for the neglect, and even the insults which our Saviour must endure in many parts of the world."

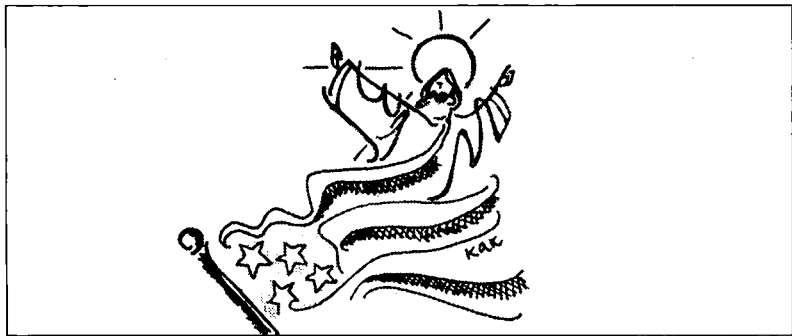
"Christians," continued John Paul, "should not be afraid to speak about God and to bear proud witness to our faith. The 'culture of the eucharist' promotes a culture of dialogue. ... [O]ur troubled world, which began the new millennium with ... terrorism and ... war, demands that Christians learn to experience the eucharist as a great school of peace, forming men and women who, ... in social, cultural and political life, can become promoters of dialogue and communion." John Paul encouraged young people to "[b]ring to your encounter with Jesus, hidden in the eucharist, ... all the enthusiasm of your age, all your hopes, all your desire to love."

So if politicians don't have all the answers, it might be a good idea to look to someone else.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Wake up Americans

Do you remember that day during senior year of high school when you got that fat envelope with the Notre Dame seal? Why were we the ones selected from a huge applicant pool? According to Admissions, it wasn't because we were Catholic.

Instead, each of us showed that we were enthusiastic leaders, critical thinkers and difference-makers. Under this impression, I was upset to read Orlando Rubiano's letter and hear his call for the entire Notre Dame family to define our views entirely in terms of Catholic teaching. Although not all Notre Dame students define themselves religiously as Roman Catholic, most, if not all, of us define ourselves politically as Americans.

Catholics strive to live according to Church teaching, but how many succeed? We must remember that there is more to Catholic doctrine than opposing abortion and upholding the sanctity of marriage. Among other things we, as Catholics, are called to humble ourselves to the Lord — often difficult to do — take no part in the seven deadly sins — I remind this campus that drunkenness is a form of gluttony — and love all our neighbors, regardless of their faiths. Until each of us can truly live according to all Catholic principles, we cannot expect non-Catholic Americans to live by them as well.

Rubino said that Sen. John Kerry's stance on abortion was that of a coward. Although Kerry's position may be weak from a Catholic viewpoint, from an American viewpoint, it is courageous. After all, since when is defending the constitutional rights of Americans a cowardly action? We are proud to call heroes the thousands of Americans who have given their lives defending our rights and freedoms, including freedom from religious tyranny. As we live our lives, I hope that we all remember that we were accepted into Notre Dame because of our ambition to change the world for the better. Each of us will, at one time or another, have the opportunity to do so. Let us use that time to make America, and the world, a better place for all people, not just those who agree with our Catholic beliefs.

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Gay exegesis

The turn of the century has provoked a fight for the rights of gays. Gay marriage has been outlawed in almost a dozen states. The Catholic Church has deemed homosexuals morally corrupt, saying that it is acceptable for a person to acknowledge to him or herself that he or she is, in fact, a homosexual, but that that person is not allowed to act upon his or her inner acceptance. While homosexual intercourse is being frowned upon by the Church, there are many Catholics who are engaging in adultery. Despite having adultery laws in place in 26 states, there has only been one prosecution in the past five years. Why has the Catholic Church not pushed for a national law criminalizing adultery? Is it not expressly written in the Ten Commandments?

There are many who do not follow the ways of the Church's teachings. Because of Catholic pressure to control Mormonism, for example, polygamy was outlawed nationally. This is a Western ideal that has no foundation in the Bible. After all, did not the men of Bible have many wives? God did not punish them for their polygamy. The writer of the phrase "the two shall be one flesh" is Moses, who had two wives. The monogamous requirement of marriage started in Roman culture, and had no roots in the Bible. Seeing this, it is easy to understand how biblical passages are often misinterpreted.

The Bible also never explicitly condemns homosexual relationships. The passages often cited to denounce homosexuality contain incorrect translations from the original Greek and Hebrew texts. Research proves that the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, first used in 1946, was the first version of the Bible to use the word homosexual. The word "homosexual" itself has no parallel in Hebrew or Greek, and only came into being around one-hundred years ago with the combination of the Greek "homo" and the Latin "sexualis." Translations of the Greek "malakoi" and "arsenokoites" into "effeminate" with regards to homosexual men are equally incorrect. Even sodomy, which has been used to describe the act of homosexual intercourse, was not a word

in biblical Greek or Hebrew. In fact, the languages of the time had no word for "sex" at all. With these examples, it is easy to see the mistranslations that often lead to the Biblical text being misconstrued.

Where would Jesus stand on homosexuals? The Catholic Church would like for us to believe that Jesus would express disapproval of such a group. But, when we examine Jesus' teachings historically, social pariahs of the times, such as prostitutes and lepers, were welcomed. His acceptance of all teaches us to love our neighbors, regardless of their religious belief, or any other view that they hold. How can we force our religious views on people who do not believe in them? This is the purpose behind the separation of Church and

State in the Constitution. The government is not allowed to endorse any religion. Laws are meant to be created only for moral reasons — moral in this case means ethical, not religious. Humans decided that homosexuality is wrong, not God, though God will decide who will go to heaven and who will not. Because of this, it is not right for the Catholic Church to ostracize a portion of society that does not follow its teachings.

The Church cannot continue to condemn the gay lifestyle through the advocacy of laws that govern people who do not always believe in the Catholic faith. It is important that the Church recognizes that gays are people. Biblical passages that are cited in support of why homosexuality is morally wrong are mistranslations and therefore misinterpretations. I am not gay, but I believe that gays should receive the equal rights the Constitution guarantees to every American. I urge America as a whole to accept the gay community for what it is. There are too many misconceptions about gays. Just as race and gender should have no place in how people are viewed, neither should sexual orientation. It is time for a new rights movement — one that accepts all people as they are.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Fans get a dose of Lennon unplugged

By JULIE BENDER
Scene Music Critic

Pulling things apart to see what is on the inside often fascinates little kids. They want to know what makes a clock tick, or how a gumball pops out when you put a penny in the machine.

It happens that music fans as well take innocent delight in hearing songs stripped to their bare bones, outtake versions. At times fans have taken this delight to extremes, like the rumored circulation of tapes containing nothing more than Bob Dylan's heavy breathing. Most fans, however, prize the musical side of their favorite artist's "unplugging." John Lennon fans are the latest to be treated to songs stripped down to their demo-versions with the release of "Acoustic."

Every year, between the anniversaries

of Lennon's birthday in October and his death in December, his widow Yoko Ono releases a collection of songs in his remembrance. This year marks what would have been Lennon's 64th birthday and the 24th year since his death, and "Acoustic" is Ono's fitting tribute to her late husband.

The album is a collection of 16 songs from Lennon's solo-era songbook. Although most of these versions have been released before, primarily on "The John Lennon Anthology," there are seven tracks seen here for the first time, including "Cold Turkey," "Real Love" and a cutting "Working Class Hero."

This unplugged, acoustic arrangement is a suitable and flattering format for Lennon's songs. Known for his honest and direct lyrics, the minimal guitar accompaniment delivers Lennon's voice with an endearing clarity. Making the album even more attractive is the knowl-

edge that Lennon was self-conscious about his voice. On polished recordings he often mixed his own vocal tracks, obscuring the natural sound of his voice. On "Acoustic," however, fans get to hear Lennon raw and untainted.

Although some of the album tracks seem to be throwaway numbers — the closing track of nothing more than Lennon whistling — there are several good moments on the album that make it worthwhile.

The album's highpoint is a touching version of "Watching the Wheels." Originally released on the "Double Fantasy" album, this song is a plaintive defense of Lennon's withdrawal from the rock 'n' roll scene in the late 1970s. Happily married and tending to his newborn son during this time, Lennon was criticized by fans for abandoning his music. With "Watching the Wheels," Lennon defends himself singing, "I'm just sitting here watching the wheels go 'round and 'round / I really love to watch them roll / No longer riding on the merry-go-round / I just had to let it go."

Fans will also like the live version of "Imagine," where Lennon re-creates the piano song on his guitar. This song, which has become a worldwide anthem for peace, is given a new innocence when played acoustically. The faint sound of the audience accompanying Lennon on the chorus, "You may say I'm a dreamer / But I'm not the only one / I hope someday you'll join us / And the world will live as one," adds to the poignancy of this ageless song.

Other good tracks on "Acoustic" are "Real Love," which the Beatles released



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John Lennon fans will find "Acoustic" a welcome addition to their CD collections.

on Anthology II, "The Luck of the Irish," a song decrying the British for their abuses on Ireland, the stark opener "Working Class Hero" and the haunting "My Mummy's Dead."

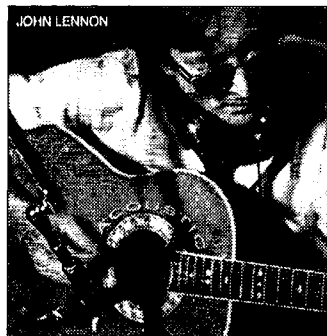
For those who are unfamiliar with Lennon's solo work, it would be better to start with one of his other albums in order to appreciate "Acoustic." For veteran Lennon fans, however, "Acoustic" will be a welcome addition to the album collection. Guitar players will find the album especially appealing with the inclusion of the actual tablature Lennon used, and a chord chart for the songs. "Acoustic" allows fans to unplug and listen to Lennon in a newfound purity, and musicians will be able to acousticate right along with him.

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Acoustic

John Lennon

Capital



Jin's debut hits and misses

By KENYATTA STORIN
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Jin is not your average, run-of-the-mill rapper. After all, he's Chinese-American.

Jin first appeared on the hip-hop scene when he won several freestyling competitions on BET's "106 and Park's Freestyle Fridays." As a result, he gained a great deal of respect in the New York underground rap scene, and was eventually offered a contract by Ruff Ryders.

The New York-based Ruff Ryders, home to rappers like DMX, Eve and Jadakiss, was once an unstoppable force in the late 90s when DMX was at the peak of his powers. However, the group's popularity has dwindled over the years, and only a few of its members have seen much success recently. As a result, it is not surprising Ruff Ryders decided to take a chance and sign Jin to his first record deal.

Once Jin became a Ruff Ryder, he came out with the single, "Learn Chinese" at the end of 2003, which quickly became an underground success. Due to his Chinese ethnicity and growing underground popularity, he started to receive some media attention, including a positive write-up in the New York Times. Everything seemed to be going Jin's way, and his debut album was slated for an October 2003 release. Unfortunately, due to several delays in production, Ruff Ryders missed the opportunity to capitalize on Jin's growing popularity, and it was not until this past October that his debut, "The Rest is History," finally materialized.

Of course the question is, was it worth the wait? The answer is yes and no.

More than anything else, Jin uses his Chinese background to distinguish himself from his peers, throwing out lines like "I ain't your 50 Cent, I ain't your Eminem, I ain't your Jigga Man, I'm a China man" and "This ain't Bruce Lee, ya'll watch too much TV" At

times he also gets serious about his experiences as a Chinese-American, referring to his struggles as an aspiring rapper ("In every rap battle, the race-card was my downfall"), lost love ("Then reality attacks / his pops couldn't see past / The fact his son was Asian but his girlfriend was black") and problems in China ("Overpopulation, but damn just to meet the needs / It's illegal to have more than one seed").

Although Jin provides a much-needed fresh perspective for hip-hop, his rapping is rather ordinary at times. There are instances when he falls in the trap of using the same rhyming schemes and patterns over and over, which causes his flows to sometimes become repetitive. Furthermore, despite having witty lines here and there, for a renowned freestyler the album as a whole lacks the cleverness one would expect.

However, the album's biggest flaws are actually the fault of Ruff Ryders, which tries too hard to commercialize the album for mainstream popularity. Even with popular producers like Just Blaze and Kanye West on board, several of the songs sound forced and generic because of plain pop beats, mundane content and dull, unoriginal choruses. This is quite evident on tracks like "Club Song," where Jin repetitively says, "This my club song, this my club song" and "I Got a Love," where Kanye West rehashed one of his old beats. Even the single that put Jin on the map, "Learn Chinese" has a rather cheesy beat by Wyclef Jean.

Jin is clearly at his best on tracks where he is not forced to conform to Ruff Ryders' ideas. Jin sounds much better on cuts like "Love Story," "C'mon" and "Thank You" where he sounds like he is coming from the heart, rather than trying to fit a certain mold.



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Jin is the latest addition to the New York-based rap group Ruff Ryders.

But even these songs lack the innovation and production to be true highlights.

Jin claims he is "a threat to every rapper in the game or that's ever been it," but that is certainly not the case on "The Rest is History." While he shows signs of his potential throughout, this is not an album that will make much of a dent in the hip-hop mainstream. Despite this, it is not entirely his fault the album falters, since many of the album's flaws are the result of Ruff Ryders' production decisions. Hopefully Jin will have more creative control on his next album, so he can tailor his rhymes in a way more suitable for him. Then hip-hop fans will know for sure whether or not Jin will leave his mark on hip-hop or just be a forgettable gimmick.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Rascal Flatts still on fire

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Music Critic

With the release of "Feels like Today," Rascal Flatts naturally maintains its standing as one of the hottest groups in country music today. Five years into its recording career and these multi-platinum songsters have already achieved numerous billboard hits and music awards. Voted by both the CMA and ACM as a top vocal group, it has produced three soulful and highly acclaimed records. With their stellar good looks, and ever so charming vocals, the members of Rascal Flatts have come to represent a new wave of refreshing pop-country.

After its release five weeks ago, "Feels like Today" had rapidly climbed its way to the number one spot on the Country Music Billboard Chart and has since maintained a top

position on the countdown. This week the group comes in at a not so shabby number six, dropping two spots from last week. For Rascal Flatts fans, this should come as no surprise. The guys have developed an identifiable sound, well liked for its animated harmonies and communicative lyrics. Like most country artists, the group's songs are characteristically about life and love. Distinctively, however, the members of Rascal Flatts reflect positively on the past, live in the moment, and convey confidence toward the future.

The female audience is sure to respond to this album in that, the majority of the songs portray men in the not so common role of starry-eyed romantics. "Bless the Broken Road," tells of the narrator's journey to finding his soul mate. It is easily the best song on the entire CD. The chorus is a touching reaction, which repeats "Every long lost dream, lead me to



Rascal Flatts' latest album has remained at the top of the Country Music Billboard Chart ever since it came out.

where you are, others who broke my heart they were like the Northern Star, pointing me on my way into your loving arms. This much I know is true, that God blessed the broken road that led me straight to you."

Traditionally, the Rascal Flatts audience has been made up of predominately young females. With each album, this being the third, the group has progressively matured in its music, and additionally broadened its fan base. Previously released hits such as "I'm Movin' On," and "These Days," were clearly geared to a more adult audience. The majority of its songs, however, and especially those on "Feels Like Today," are interpretive and can be widely appreciated by most age groups.

Rascal Flatts' devotees will enjoy "Here's to You," a fun song dedicated to every type of fan, calling them, "You're the heart and the soul, and the reason we do what we do."

"Fast Cars and Freedom," as well as "Oklahoma-Texas Line" are two of the more upbeat and 'twangy' tracks you can find on the CD.

Country boys Gary LeVox, Jay DeMurac and Joe Don Rooney are an undeniably talented and involved group of singers. So much so that they have co-produced their albums, played their own instruments and collaborated to create a collection of personal lyrics that hones their successfully recognizable sound. Comparable, but not limited to, a boy band image, the trio works perfectly in unison with each other, complementing one another's individual styles.

The album "Feels like Today," is just another hit album the guys can tack on to their fast growing list of chart toppers.

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Feels Like Today

Rascal Flatts

Lyric Street



Straylight Run debut an instant classic

By MICHELE JEFFERS
Scene Music Critic

John Nolan and Shaun Cooper took a big chance with their careers when they left Taking Back Sunday at the height of its success in 2003, but they were compelled by irreconcilable artistic differences with the band. However, separation proved to make Nolan and Cooper's art grow fonder as they teamed up with former Breaking Pangea drummer Will Noon, and Nolan's younger sister, Michelle Nolan, on keyboard and background vocals to form Straylight Run. Without even releasing an album, Straylight Run has already acquired a loyal following from extensive touring

and from making the demo songs available online for free.

On Oct. 12, however, the band finally released its highly anticipated debut album on Victory Records. With mostly piano and guitar-driven tracks, Straylight Run's self-titled album progresses in a very different direction from Taking Back Sunday. Whereas John was previously known for his intense screaming in back up for TBS, he maintains more composure on lead vocals, while still earnestly delivering moving inflection throughout the album. Simplicity and sincerity prevail over ostentatious outbursts in Straylight Run's music, yet manages to affect you just as strongly.

Ironically, the first song on the album is called "The Perfect Ending."

Accompanied by the piano and under-used glockenspiel, a slightly wistful John reflects upon the differences that led to the division in Taking Back Sunday. Rather than pointing blame, John reveals the band's acceptance with the past as he sings, "And if it's over/Just remember what I told ya/It was bound to happen so just/Keep moving on/ There's no perfect endings." Despite the title, this song is the perfect beginning for the album by creating a sense of closure with the past and by affirming an identity independent of Taking Back Sunday.

Straylight Run picks up the pace on the second track, "The Tension and the Terror." The energy of this flowing melody is continually driven up as John passionately delivers lyrics capturing one's inability to move beyond the fear and anxiety that gets in one's way of following his heart.

The very title of the next track, however, necessitates moving past the tension and the terror because we are the one's who control our lives and destinies. "Existentialism on Prom Night" begins softly with the piano on solo, but it is immediately intensified with the abrupt entrance of John's voice, which is propelled by the percussion. "Existentialism" is an absolutely beautiful song that manages to convey the ineffable feeling that everything in your world is perfectly in balance. Both Michelle and John bring you into an enchanting rapture as they repeat, "Sing me something soft/ Sad and delicate/ or loud and out of

key/ sing me anything/ we're glad for what we've got/ done with what we've lost/ Our whole lives laid out right in front of us."

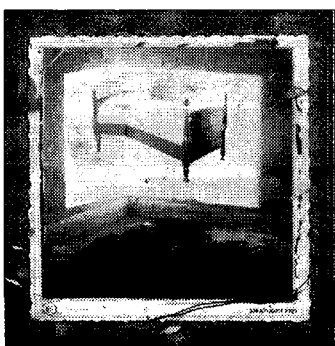
Michelle shows that talent definitely runs in the family as she steps up to lead vocals on two tracks. After the dreamy little number, "Your Name Here (Sunrise Highway)," Straylight Run shakes things up when Michelle takes lead vocal in "Tool Sheds and Hot Tubs," which resembles a dance song by Kylie Minogue. However, Michelle best demonstrates her capability as a lead vocalist through her haunting delivery of "Now it's Done," in which she laments over the "memories of what didn't last." In short, this CD is absolutely incredible and should be at the very top of your Christmas lists this year. Straylight Run is the result of the members' commitment to fulfilling their vision, which has materialized into something that is definitely worth the long wait for its realization. The album evades predictability and keeps you pulled in until the very end. It gets five shamrocks not only because of its amazing music, but also because of Straylight Run's enormous potential. As long as the members of Straylight Run maintain the sincerity and vision that has brought them to where they are today, there is no doubt that these existentialists will carve out a bright future.

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NFL

New Dolphins coach Bates gets troubled team

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — The last time Jim Bates was head coach of a football team, it was with the San Antonio Gunslingers of the USFL. In 1985.

The Miami Dolphins' new interim coach expects some things have changed.

"I know I'm going to get paid this time," joked Bates before Wednesday's practice.

Bates is sure to get his money, but what sort of production he gets from the Dolphins (1-8) is another matter after Dave Wannstedt resigned Tuesday in the middle of his fifth season. The team has a bye this week before playing Seattle on Nov. 21.

Bates inherits problems at quarterback and on the offensive and defensive lines, and must deal with the ill-timed penalties, turnovers and dropped passes that have afflicted the Dolphins all season.

He said he had trouble sleeping knowing he was going to wake up Wednesday as the Dolphins' fifth head coach in their 38-year history, following George Wilson, Don Shula, Jimmy Johnson and Wannstedt.

"I woke up thinking about all we had talked about ... at 4:30, bright-eyed. I set it for 5," he said

A longtime defensive assistant who has worked with such accomplished coaches as Bill Belichick, Frank Kush and Johnny Majors, Bates has only one other head coaching job besides the Gunslingers on his resume — at Sevier County High School in Tennessee.

He's also been defensive coordinator for the Atlanta Falcons and a position coach with the Cleveland Browns and Dallas Cowboys.

Known for a fiery, enthusiastic coaching style, Bates has built a defense that finished sixth, fifth, third and 10th in the league since he took over in 2000. Currently, the Dolphins rank seventh.

But his eyes lit up when talking about sitting in Wednesday on his first offensive meeting in 20 years and being able to interact with the complete 53-man roster.

"I told the guys, 'Man, this is easy over on this side of the ball,'" Bates joked.

"It's exciting for me to be able to move around and motivate all the players."

Players said Wednesday's workout was set to a quicker tempo than under Wannstedt and praised Bates for his demeanor during morning meetings and practice.

"He was just into everything today. He was catering to every position and basically sat there and just talked with us to find out what we were thinking about," tight end Randy McMichael said.

Bates said any personnel decisions, such as whether Jay Fiedler or A.J. Feeley will start at quarterback against Seattle, would be made next week.

AP

Newly-appointed Miami Dolphins interim head coach Jim Bates speaks to reporters after Dolphins head coach Dave Wannstedt resigned on Tuesday in Davie, Fla.

MLB

Baseball might be ready to take a look at instant replay

Idea will be brought up at GM meetings

Associated Press

KEY BISCAVNE, Fla. — Brian Cashman wanted to make this perfectly clear: The umpires were correct when they called Alex Rodriguez out for interference on that crazy play during the AL championship series.

"They got it completely right, 100 percent," the New York Yankees' general manager said this week.

"But you would hate to have a game, or a series or even a season come down to a play where they miss it and instant replay could have helped," he said. "So as far as instant replay, I'm in favor of it."

Now, after a pennant race and postseason dotted with reversed rulings, baseball will get another chance to see who else wants to give replay a look.

The topic is on the agenda for Thursday at the GM meetings. And there seems to be growing support among teams to join the NFL, NBA and NHL in using instant replay on calls such as fair or foul and homer or not, but definitely not balls and strikes.

"I think its time has come," Milwaukee assistant Gord Ash said. "The technology has improved and is there. I think there's a place for it."

Even if replay comes up for a formal vote — it did not go very far last year when GMs debated it — there's no assurance it would show up during games anytime soon.

"I don't see it," Bob Watson, vice president of on-field operations, said Wednesday. "And I don't think the commissioner is in favor of it, either."

Earlier in the day, GMs were briefed on plans to play a spring training game next March in Athens — Baltimore probably would be involved — and efforts to hold a World Cup-style tournament in early 2006.

They also talked about letting teams trade first-round draft choices and were told to be vigilant in verifying the ages of players signed in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela.

But with so many procedural issues to sift through this week, the prospect of adding instant replay is intriguing.

The Cincinnati Reds asked that replay be included on the agenda. Their executives have talked about it internally for a couple of years, and they've heard from other clubs lately.

"I think there seems to be some level of understanding that getting the play right is what underscores this thought process," Reds GM Dan O'Brien said. "I don't think any of us have any idea of a timetable."

Said Brad Kullman, the Reds' director of major league operations: "It doesn't make sense that you might have a million fans out there watching on TV and knowing what happened while the umpires huddle without that benefit."

That said, there's no guarantee that umpires would want it.

"My sense is no," said former ump Richie Garcia, now an umpire supervisor. "I think we'd be fooling around with something that would take away from the game."

"Baseball is very traditional, but I'm not going to rule it out," he said.

Garcia worried that not every ballpark would be equipped with equal cameras to show replays from all angles. He also said he thought the concept of umpires huddling on close calls helped "take away the idea of instant replay."

Garcia was involved in one of the most disputed calls in October memory. He was working the right-field line in the 1996 ALCS when young fan Jeffrey Maier reached over the wall and grabbed the ball before Baltimore's Tony Tarasco could make a play, and it wound up as a home run for Derek Jeter.

This year, the umps eventually did make the right calls.

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MLB

Red Sox alumni salute World Series champs

Associated Press

BOSTON — Pedro Martinez, Jason Varitek and more than a dozen other Red Sox free agents might want to take advice from some people who know: Stay in Boston, or you'll regret it.

"It would be hard to walk away from this city," former Red Sox pitcher Bruce Hurst said before posing for pictures with the World Series trophy. "I would venture to guess that they'd miss it more than they'd realize."

Hurst was inducted into the Red Sox Hall of Fame on Wednesday night, an opportunity to get together with former teammates such as Wade Boggs and wallow in the team's recent success.

But even as they celebrated the end of one of sports' most ignominious streaks, the ex-Red Sox knew the business of the offseason was in full swing. Boston has 16 free agents, and there is virtually no way the team will keep all of them.

Hurst knows all about leaving Boston. After the Red Sox came within one strike of ending their championship drought in 1986, he returned to the playoffs with them in '88 but opted to sign with San Diego that offseason.

At the time, the Padres had an up-and-coming team. But Hurst soon realized the passion and intensity there didn't match what he'd experienced in

Boston.

"We had a million come out [for a parade] and we lost," he said. "I always said I couldn't imagine what it would be if we won."

Hurst doesn't have to imagine anymore, with many more than that turning out for the victory parade last month after the Red Sox swept the St. Louis Cardinals for their first World Series title since 1918.

"We don't have to wait until next year," said Boggs, another inductee and another player who left Boston as a free agent.

"Hopefully, I won't have to look at [video of] myself crying on the bench again," he said, referring to the '86 loss to the New York Mets. "Now when you talk about the Red Sox World Series, the main focus will be from 2004."

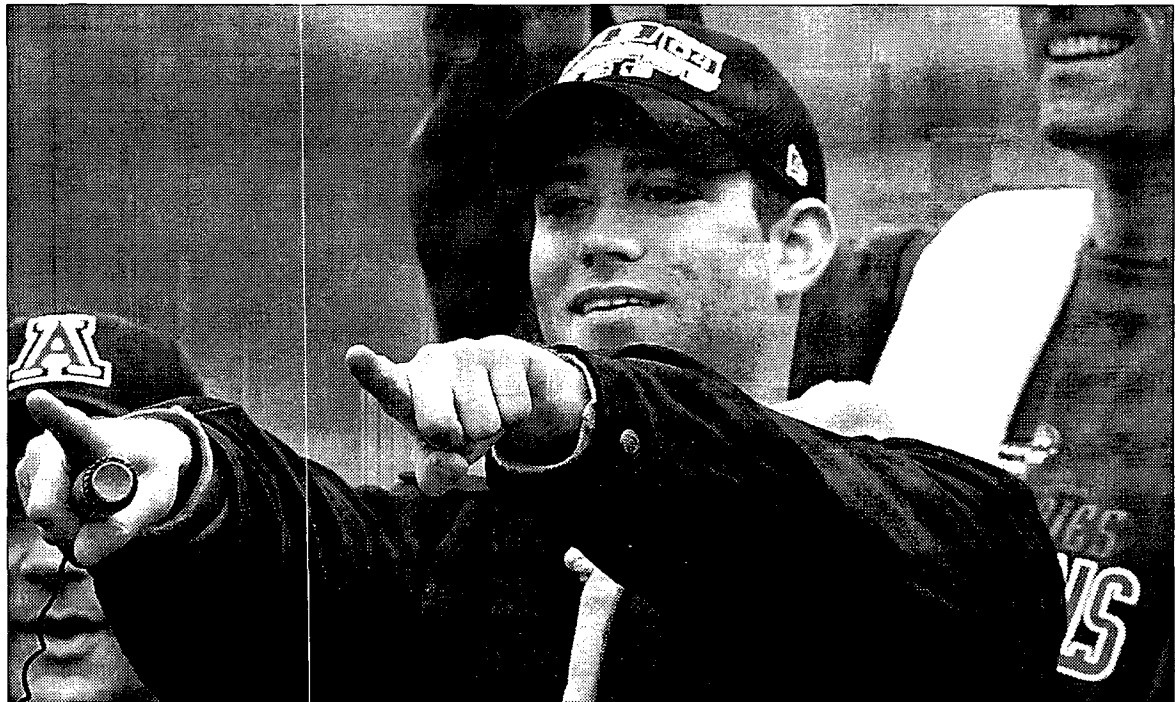
"They won't have to bring up all the bad things."

Hall of Fame pitcher Dennis Eckersley, a 20-game winner with the Red Sox in 1978, said all the bad things help make this year's win so special.

"If we had won in '78, I probably wouldn't have understood all the agony they go through up here," he said. "I think you have to spend some time here. You can't just come in and out."

"You get it pretty quick, though."

And that's what makes playing in Boston different from other places, former outfielder



Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein points to the crowd during Boston's World Series championship parade Oct. 30. The Red Sox captured their first title in 86 years.

Bernie Carbo said.

"I would stay here and take less money, or take what I need," he said. "You'll never find a better organization, a better town, a better ballpark."

"My advice would be to stay here, continue to win, continue to be a family."

Carbo was honored by the Red Sox Hall of Fame for hitting the tying home run in Game 6 of the 1975 Series, setting the

stage for Carlton Fisk's more famous game-winner in the 12th inning.

Inducted with Boggs, Eckersley and Hurst during the dinner at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center were:

Bill Carrigan, who won three World Series as a catcher from 1906-16. He was the player-manager from 1913-16 and manager from 1927-29.

Jimmy Collins, a third base-

man and manager from 1901-06 who led the Red Sox to a World Series victory in 1903.

Billy Goodman, a lifetime .300 hitter who won the AL batting title in 1950 with a .354 average and finished second in MVP voting that year.

Pawtucket Red Sox owner Ben Mondor, who turned the Triple A team into one of the minor leagues' most successful franchises.

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considerations...

Calling All Men

by Greg Ruehlmann
Intern, Campus Ministry

Some things in life are constant.

Take gravity, for example. A football (or marshmallow) hurled into the air at Notre Dame Stadium is bound to come down somewhere.

Math has givens as well. A one-dollar hamburger plus a one-dollar soda equals a two-dollar lunch (unless we're at Reckers, in which case it equals ten dollars).

But there is one fact that history proves to be more constant than anything else. More certain than the rising and setting of the sun, it is this: we can't get men to sign up for retreats.

This has held true since the very first retreat, which happened in prehistoric times, when two cavewomen approached their male friends. "Thag and Ook," they said, "we have a wonderful idea! It's called a 'retreat.' A group of us will come together to talk about God, share our feelings, renew the spirituality which sustains our existence, and in the process make new cave-friendships and strengthen old ones! Isn't that great?"

Thag and Ook grunted. On the whole, they were skeptical of sharing. Also, they were in the middle of crushing the heads of some antelope with a big rock.

"You two are something else," the cavewomen exclaimed. "Don't act like it wouldn't be good for you, and a lot of fun! What's more important in life than God? Besides, it's healthy for us to get away from work and stress on occasion. And it's *definitely* not healthy to keep your feelings bottled up!"

Thag and Ook made a cavepainting about elephant dung and laughed at it for an hour. When they were finished, Ook grunted, then said to the cavewomen, "Sorry, we've got heads to crush."

As you can see, some things never change. Here we are in the year A.D. 2004 and many men still hesitate to go on retreat. Excuses vary: too much homework, too busy, too tired, too much touchy-feely stuff.

This is surprising, because no guy I've ever met regretted going on a Campus Ministry retreat. Whether it's Freshman Retreat, Sophomore Road Trip, Senior Retreat, NDE or Man's Weekend, there's something for everyone and they're all a guaranteed good time and much-needed break from our crazy schedules. The beauty of a retreat is that it's whatever you want to make of it. If you need reflection time, make it happen. If you need a community to support you and help you talk some things out, it's right there.

More than once as an undergrad, a retreat weekend proved to be the *defining* event of a semester for me. So guys, if you've enjoyed the retreat experience like I have, it's time for us to talk it up and challenge the excuses. Encourage your friends and dormmates to go on retreat. And for you guys who haven't gone yet, it's time to man up and join the club. If you need any more incentive to go, just remember that the cavewoman-to-caveman ratio is *definitely* in our favor.

"Sorry, we've
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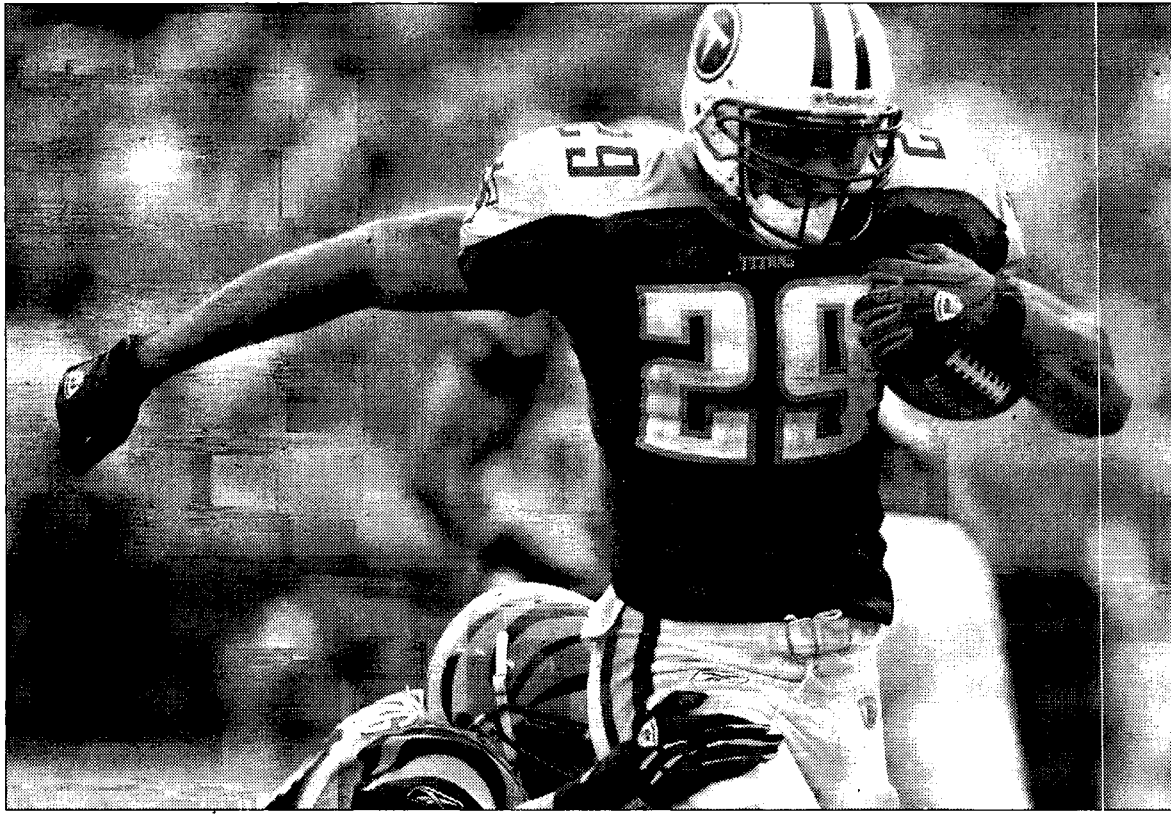
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2nd: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

NFL

McNair frustrated chest is still sore after rest



Titans running back Chris Brown breaks a tackle during Tennessee's 27-20 win over Cincinnati Oct. 30. Titans quarterback Steve McNair was injured Oct. 24 and has been out since.

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Steve McNair wants to help his Tennessee Titans start winning games while redeeming his own sub-par performance this season.

Now if only his chest would stop hurting whenever he gets out of bed or throws a pass.

The NFL's co-MVP of 2003 has played through pain from a list of injuries, but he said Wednesday he still can't take a direct hit 2 1/2 weeks after being knocked out of the Titans' 20-3 loss at Minnesota on Oct. 24.

"I'm trying to fight through some of the pain and get some throwing in. The thing we're worried about now is, 'Can I take a hit?' If I do take the right hit, it's going to knock me out two to three more weeks," McNair said.

"That's the Catch-22 we're working with right now."

McNair was able to throw passes in a one-on-one drill and in a seven-on-seven drill Wednesday, his first work with

teammates since his latest injury.

The Titans (3-5) listed him as questionable yet again on their injury report, and coach Jeff Fisher called McNair's limited passing "encouraging." He said the quarterback's availability will be a game-time decision Sunday against Chicago (3-5).

"The issue is not throwing the football or running around with the ball, doing those kinds of things. The concern is just a hit," Fisher said. "We want to make sure it's not going to set him back, and any kind of contact is going to set him back."

McNair is frustrated by this latest injury because he came back within two weeks after he first bruised his sternum in 2000 in a victory over Kansas City.

He spent two nights in the hospital after being knocked out of a loss to Jacksonville on Sept. 26, which caused him to sit out a loss to San Diego the next week. Then he was caught in a high-low hit on the first play of the second quarter at Minnesota.

Henson still waiting for chance to take charge in Dallas

Former Yankee set to replace Testaverde

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Drew Henson knows the drill: pay attention, work hard, say all the right things.

As the quarterback of the future for the Dallas Cowboys, Henson is playing his role to perfection. Then again, he's had plenty of experience doing the star-in-waiting thing, first in college at Michigan, then as a top prospect for the New York Yankees.

The biggest lesson he learned from those other gigs?

"Have a little patience and know things are going to work out the way they're supposed to," he said.

Henson has been reminding himself of that a lot lately.

Three years after playing his last football game, Henson was supposed to spend this season easing back into the sport. But he's knocked the rust off so

quickly that two weeks ago he was promoted from emergency quarterback to backup and is now the focus of heated debate about when he should make his NFL debut.

Coach Bill Parcells would have preferred to avoid the discussion because that would've meant the Cowboys were doing just fine without him. Instead, Dallas (3-5) and has lost four of its last five games, with starter Vinny Testaverde throwing more interceptions (10) than touchdowns (nine).

Henson talk moved to the forefront Sunday following a 26-3 loss at Cincinnati. It started with Testaverde getting picked off three times and losing a fumble, then gained momentum when team owner Jerry Jones said the team would have to evaluate "where we are at quarterback."

Parcells, though, is in no hurry to make a change, adamantly saying Monday he's "certainly not doing it now or in the foreseeable future."

His reasons start with the fact Testaverde reached the midpoint of the season more than halfway to the club's single-season passing record. There's also loyalty to Testaverde and the logic in putting an 18-year veteran in charge of an offense with a woeful running game and a group of mostly unproven receivers.

Add a schedule featuring the next two games against two of the NFL's most ferocious defenses, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and ever-so-slim playoff hopes, and you understand why Parcells says "only foolish people would ask the question right

now."

OK, so it's not a quarterback controversy. It's more like a waiting game.

Experience is helping Henson handle it. Such as when he thinks about doing for Dallas what Ben Roethlisberger is doing for Pittsburgh, all Henson has to do is think back to what happened with the Yankees.

"There's a fine line between wanting to go and play and believing that it's your opportunity and forcing the issue, that if it doesn't happen right now you're going to get disappointed," he said.

"I wanted to get to New York so badly in baseball that I probably didn't enjoy the process and didn't relax and just play. That's the one thing that coming here I'm making sure I do."

Henson said he does that by focusing on the things he can control, like studying the playbook and making the most of his few opportunities in practice. What he's not doing is thinking about when he's going to take over.

Yet Jones' comments Sunday got everyone talking about it Monday.

When Henson arrived at his locker, he quickly discovered reporters gathered there weren't just waiting for Testaverde.

Henson didn't mind. He picked Dallas to continue his tour nation's most prestigious sports institutions, fully realizing how bright the spotlight would be.

"One year everyone was saying, 'You're the next great Yankee,' then two months later they were saying, 'Can this kid play?'" he said.

"Have a little patience and know things are going to work out."

Drew Henson
Cowboys quarterback

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OLYMPICS

USADA bans Jerome Young for life after second violaton

Associated Press
DENVER — Sprinter Jerome Young, a central figure in a doping case that could cost the U.S. relay team its gold medal from Sydney, was banned for life by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on Wednesday following his second positive test for a banned drug.
Young tested positive for EPO at a Paris meet in July, USADA said. He is believed to be the first sprinter to test positive for EPO, which is popular with endurance runners and cyclists.
Tests for EPO were intro-

duced at the 2000 Sydney Games. Sprinter Kelli White admitted she used EPO and other performance-enhancing drugs earlier this year when she accepted a two-year ban for doping.
Young, 28, tested positive for the steroid nandrolone in 1999, but was exonerated by a U.S. appeals panel in July 2000, avoiding a two-year ban. He ran in the opening and semifinal rounds of the 2000 Games, but not in the 1,600-meter final anchored by Michael Johnson.
All six members of the relay

squad received gold medals, but Young's was stripped.
Other members of the team include 30-year-old Alvin Harrison, who accepted a four-year suspension in October for drug violations uncovered in the BALCO case. Harrison's twin and Sydney teammate, Calvin Harrison, is serving a two-year suspension for testing positive for drugs linked to the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.
The Harrison cases and the latest involving Young all came after the Sydney games. But track's world governing body,

the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), has recommended declaring the entire Sydney relay team ineligible because of Young.
Last month, the U.S. Olympic Committee challenged the recommendation in a petition lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland. Young, who has denied ever using a prohibited substance, was not covered by the appeal.
"As a matter of course, we don't comment on specific individual drug cases," said Jill Geer, spokeswoman for USA

Track & Field. "It's certainly tragic if Jerome or any other athlete made the decision to cheat."
Darryl Seibel, a spokesman for the USOC, said Young's suspension should not affect the case pending before the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
"We have complete confidence in the fairness of CAS proceedings and do not believe that the decision announced today will have any bearing on that proceeding."
The CAS has not set a date for a hearing, he said.

MLB

Stottlemyre set to return for 2005, then retire

Associated Press
NEW YORK — One more year, Mel Stottlemyre says. After that, he absolutely, positively will retire as pitching coach of the New York Yankees.
Stottlemyre agreed Wednesday to return for his 10th season under manager Joe Torre, and the Yankees also announced former catcher Joe Girardi will replace Willie Randolph as

bench coach.
"I've been talking about retirement for about three years," Stottlemyre said. "Each year I've changed my mind at the end of the season. I'll be 64 years old at this time at the end of next year, and it's probably time."
Stottlemyre said he always intended to return for the 2005 season, even though some reports had said he would leave now.

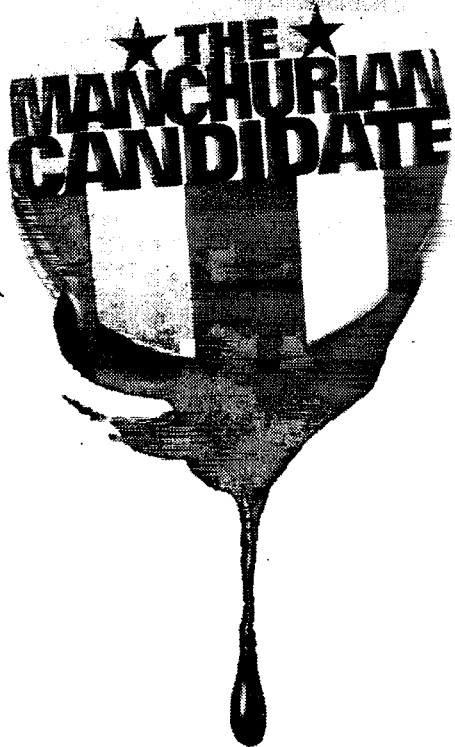
"I was a little upset about that for a while," Stottlemyre said during a conference call. "Maybe someone within the Yankees' organization would be happy if I did step down this year."
Following the departures of Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and David Wells, New York's starters had a 4.82 ERA this season, sixth among the 14 AL teams. Next season's staff will

have a new look, too.
"I really want to go out on top," he said.
Stottlemyre was diagnosed with a form of bone marrow cancer in April 2000 and underwent stem-cell transplant treatment, but his health has been fine in recent years.
In January 2002, he said he would retire after that season but changed his mind after Anaheim beat the Yankees in the

first round of the playoffs. Last year, he didn't agree to return for 2004 until owner George Steinbrenner gave him a raise.
Girardi caught for the Yankees from 1996-99 and made the NL All-Star team with the Chicago Cubs in 2000. His 15-year-playing career ended when he was cut by New York at the end of spring training, and he became a broadcaster for the YES network.

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NBA

Artest wanted time off for rap album and rest

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest said Wednesday that he asked coach Rick Carlisle for time off because of a busy schedule that included promoting a soon-to-be released rap album, which led to his two-game benching.

Artest held a short news conference before Wednesday night's game against the Los Angeles Clippers, and in his usual ambiguous manner, tried to explain why he was benched.

Artest said that he asked Carlisle for as much as a month off to heal his aching body and recover from a particularly busy schedule.

"My body has been aching, I was going to take some time off and I said it the wrong way," Artest said. "Everything that happened wasn't too negative. I kind of surprised the team by wanting to take some games off, just to get back together, maybe stay home for a little bit, rest a little bit and come back."

He certainly surprised Carlisle, who said Tuesday that the situation, "compromised the integrity of the team. It's a private team matter, and I'm going to leave it at that."

"I don't know what that means," Artest said. "They probably expected a little more; expected me to play every game. Everybody's different. It's early in the season, so I feel like I could take some time off early and be ready for the long stretch."

So Carlisle benched Artest for Tuesday night's win over Minnesota and Wednesday night's game against the Clippers. It is not a suspension, and Artest will not lose any salary. He will return Friday.

The 24-year-old is scheduled to release his debut rap album later this month and has been spending a lot of time making promotional appearances.

"I've been doing a little bit too much music, just needed the rest," Artest said. "I've still got my album coming out Nov. 23. After the album comes out I'm going to make sure all of my time is focused on winning a championship."

It's the latest in a long line of controversial situations for Artest, ranging from destroying television monitors at Madison Square Garden two years ago to missing the team flight to Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals at Detroit last season.

Carlisle tried to downplay the issue before the game Wednesday night.

"This isn't the Cuban missile crisis. It's not life or death, it's not about national security," Carlisle said. "It's just simply about a group of guys needing to remind ourselves — all of us — about the sanctity of team, and what it's about."

The message appears to have landed with Artest.

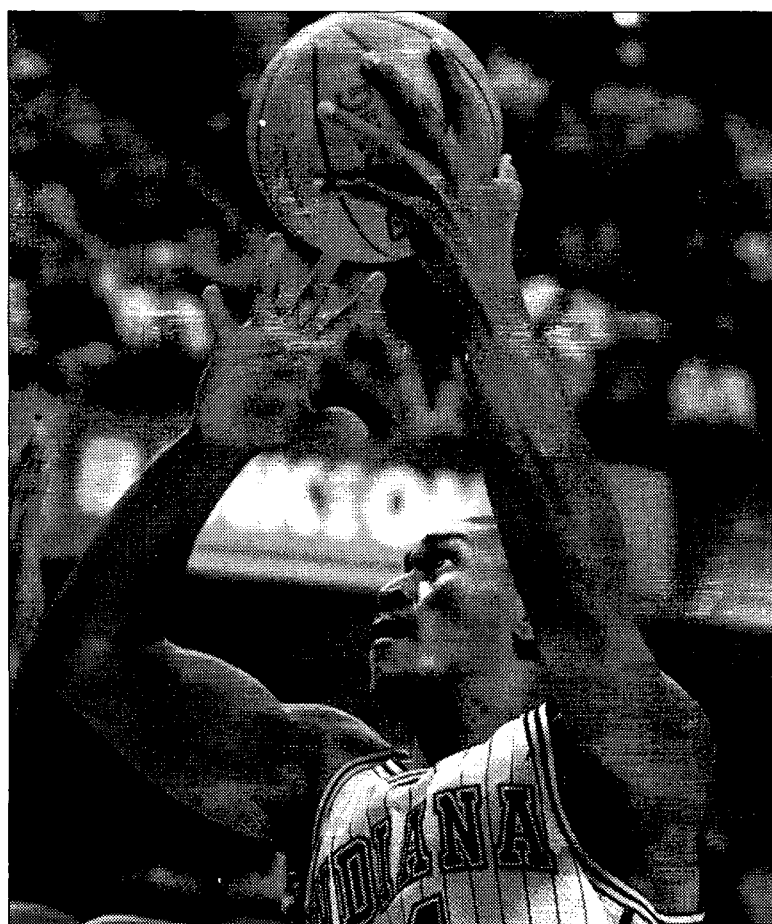
"It was a good decision," Artest said. "I need the rest. There's a lot of things going on."

When asked if he thought the punishment fit the crime, Artest said, "There was no crime done. I think it helped out. I was tired."

"I was doing a lot. I was running around a lot and doing a whole bunch of stuff and I've also been working out, so I think I wore myself down physically. I wore myself down mentally. I was ready to take some time off, at least like a month off, but two games is enough."

With so many injuries, the last thing the Pacers needed was to lose another player.

The Pacers played with just nine players against the Clippers.



Indiana forward Ron Artest goes up for a shot in a preseason game against Memphis Oct. 26.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Done with NFL, Spurrier looks for another college try

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Steve Spurrier wants to return to college coaching.

Spurrier told several newspapers he has no intentions returning to the NFL, where he

spent two losing seasons with the Washington Redskins.

Spurrier left Florida in 2002 after 12 winning seasons, six Southeastern Conference championships and a national title. He went 12-20 with the Redskins and resigned after last season.

"I probably decided then that I was done with the NFL," he

told The Gainesville Sun. "It wasn't the lifestyle best for me. You don't have scout teams in the NFL. When I was at Florida, I worked with the quarterback every snap for two hours. It wasn't that way in the NFL."

Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt resigned Tuesday, prompting speculation that Spurrier would bring his famed

visor and playbook to South Florida. But Spurrier told Florida Today that NFL teams shouldn't even bother pursuing him.

"I've said recently to several people that if I get back coaching, it will probably be a good college job somewhere."

Spurrier said. "It seems like I'm better suited for that. I know I certainly had a lot more success in the college game than in the NFL. So if I return to coaching, I think that would probably be the best idea."

Spurrier even took a shot at his NFL record.

"Probably very few NFL teams would want me after the success I had," he said. "Some probably would say that in the right situation I could be successful. But if I had a choice, I'd lean toward the college game. Everybody has their own little niche. The college game was certainly a lot better success-wise for me."

Spurrier withdrew his name from consideration to return to Gainesville, where Ron Zook was fired last month after two-plus seasons.

Spurrier refused to reveal whether he would have taken the job had it been offered, but school president Bernie Machen and athletic director Jeremy Foley weren't planning to extend any invitations without a full-blown search-and-interview process — something Spurrier may have felt was a slap in the face considering his track record with the Gators.

Now Spurrier could land elsewhere, maybe even with another SEC team.

Spurrier said he would prefer to coach in a warm-weather climate. South Carolina? North Carolina? How about Texas?

He declined to say whether he has spoken to any schools.

"I can't answer all that. I can't answer all your questions. In the next two or three weeks, once the season is over, we'll see what happens," he said.

"I think I've made it clear now that if I go back into coaching, it'll be at a good state university, a college job."

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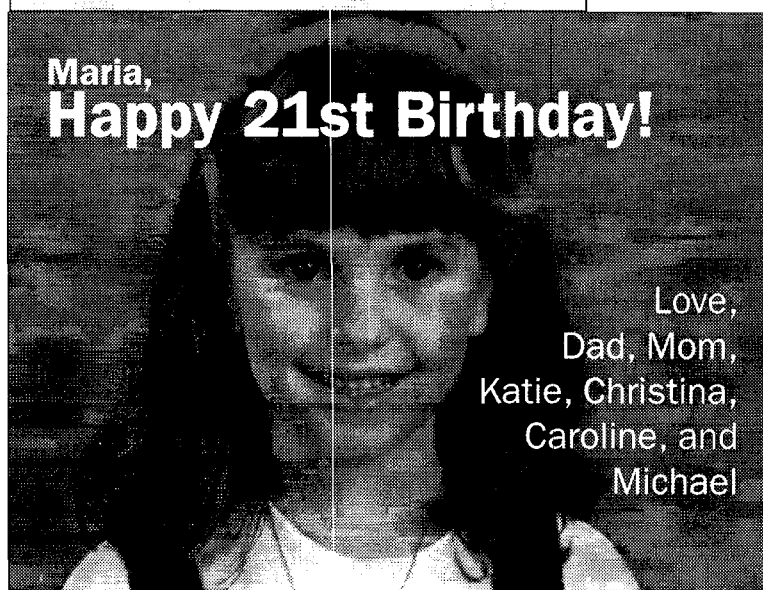
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Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC (52)	9-0	1,611
2	Oklahoma (10)	9-0	1,555
3	Auburn (3)	9-0	1,512
4	Wisconsin	9-0	1,384
5	California	7-1	1,341
6	Texas	8-1	1,259
7	Utah	9-0	1,245
8	Georgia	8-1	1,210
9	Michigan	8-1	1,133
10	Virginia	7-1	971
11	Florida State	7-2	887
12	Louisville	6-1	866
13	West Virginia	8-1	862
14	Boise State	8-0	788
15	Tennessee	7-2	654
16	Virginia Tech	7-2	631
17	LSU	6-2	628
18	Miami	6-2	593
19	Iowa	7-2	522
20	Arizona State	7-2	345
21	Boston College	6-2	254
22	Texas A&M	6-3	160
23	UTEP	6-2	148
24	NOTRE DAME	6-3	143
25	Oklahoma State	6-3	131

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	USC (50)	9-0	1,514
2	Oklahoma (10)	9-0	1,452
3	Auburn (1)	9-0	1,416
4	Wisconsin	9-0	1,289
5	Georgia	8-1	1,233
6	California	7-1	1,203
7	Texas	8-1	1,169
8	Utah	9-0	1,124
9	Michigan	8-1	1,060
10	West Virginia	8-1	886
11	Virginia	7-1	877
12	Florida State	7-2	868
13	Boise State	8-0	782
13	Louisville	6-1	727
15	LSU	6-2	649
16	Virginia Tech	7-2	582
17	Miami	6-2	568
18	Tennessee	7-2	466
19	Iowa	7-2	450
20	Arizona State	7-2	331
21	Boston College	6-2	244
22	Northern Illinois	7-2	205
23	Texas A&M	6-3	150
24	Oklahoma State	6-3	138
25	Texas Tech	6-3	112

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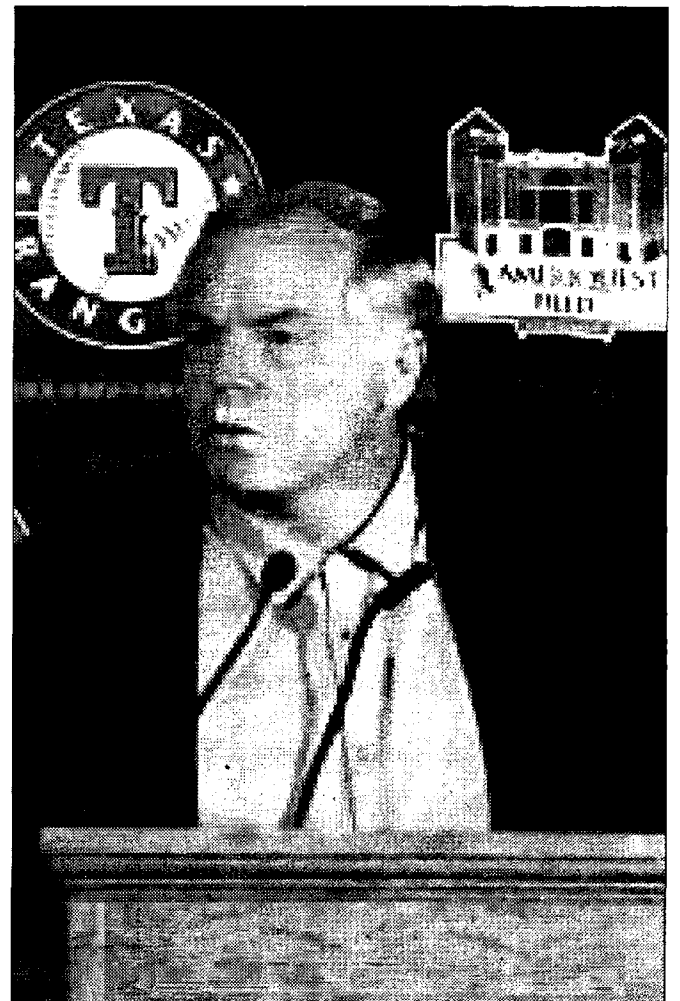
	team	points
1	Kansas (8)	741
2	Wake Forest (12)	724
3	North Carolina (6)	697
4	Georgia Tech (1)	604
5	Illinois (1)	598
6	Syracuse	557
7	Connecticut	541
8	Oklahoma State (1)	511
9	Kentucky	480
10	Michigan State	476
11	Arizona (1)	475
12	Duke	403
13	Louisville (1)	374
14	Mississippi St.	365
15	Texas	334
16	Maryland	316
17	Pittsburgh	247
18	Alabama	224
19	N.C. State	218
20	Wisconsin	216
21	NOTRE DAME	214
22	Florida	160
23	Memphis	131
24	Washington	108
25	Stanford	64

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MLB



Texas Rangers Buck Showalter, right, speaks during a news conference in Key Biscayne, Fla. Showalter was voted the AL Manager of the Year award and Bobby Cox of the Atlanta Braves won the honor in the NL.

Cox, Showalter voted managers of the year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bobby Cox and Buck Showalter were given little chance of success after payroll purges pushed out key players. Proving the predictions wrong, their teams won, anyway, and so did the managers.

Cox was voted NL Manager of the Year on Wednesday for leading the Atlanta Braves to an unexpected 13th straight division title, and Showalter won the AL honor for turning the last-place Rangers into a contender after Texas traded MVP Alex Rodriguez to the New York

Yankees.

"Some of the fans probably thought we weren't going to make it this year, but we did," Cox said following his third manager of the year award. "I think I'm as thrilled this year as I ever have been with one single team."

Coming off four straight last-place finishes in the AL West, Texas cut its payroll in half and wasn't predicted to do well. But the Rangers rebounded and remained in contention until the final week of the season.

"I would have picked us the same place everybody did, too," said Showalter,

who won for the second time.

Cox received 22 first-place votes and 10 seconds for 140 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Tony La Russa of St. Louis, who has won four manager of the year awards, was second with 62 points after leading the Cardinals to a major league-best 105-57 record. Jim Tracy of Los Angeles was third with 52.

"I thought Tony deserved it, to be honest," Cox said. "I would be more than happy to split that trophy and have both our names on it."

Atlanta, struck by

injuries to key players, was 33-39 after a loss at Baltimore on June 25, then went 63-27.

"We were treading water for a good part of the season until we got everybody back and finally took off," Cox said.

Cox won the AL award with Toronto in 1985 and the NL award with the Braves in 1991, the first year of Atlanta's record run.

Atlanta lost 3-2 to Houston in the first round of the playoffs. Despite all the division titles, the Braves' only World Series championship under Cox was 1995.

IN BRIEF

McGrady likely to miss game with hip, groin injury

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady missed most of the Houston Rockets' practice Wednesday because of nagging hip and groin injuries, though the two-time NBA scoring champ could still play Thursday against Minnesota.

McGrady left midway through the third quarter of Tuesday's game against Memphis with strains in his right hip and groin and didn't return. He limped through some shooting drills during practice and said the pain had gotten worse.

"It's a sharp pain with every movement," McGrady said. "It's really limiting me. If I feel I can go, I'll be ready to play. I'm not counting tomorrow out just yet."

McGrady said his hip and groin started bothering him during Friday's game at Memphis.

Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy didn't seem too concerned about the

possibility of playing without McGrady for a game or two.

Two Michigan State receivers arrested

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Two Michigan State football players were arrested and charged with possessing a dangerous chemical compound after they allegedly planted homemade bombs that blew up outside campus apartments.

Terry Love and Irving Campbell, both 19-year-old redshirt freshmen receivers, were arrested Tuesday morning as they left the scene of the first explosion, campus police said. A second bomb exploded shortly afterward, and a third was detonated by the campus police bomb squad.

The men said they planted the bombs in Spartan Village as a prank, campus police Sgt. Florene McGlothian-Taylor said.

No one was hurt and there was no property damage, McGlothian-Taylor said. The players released on \$500

Chiefs put Barber on injured reserve

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs placed linebacker Shawn Barber on injured reserve Wednesday and prepared for Sunday's must-win game at New Orleans without All-Pro running back Priest Holmes.

Coach Dick Vermeil stopped just short of saying Holmes would definitely be out, but the league's leading rusher and scorer was on crutches after straining a medical collateral ligament in his right knee. None of his teammates expected him to play.

Derrick Baylock, out last week with a deep thigh bruise, practiced full speed for the first time Wednesday and would start for the Chiefs (3-5) in Holmes' absence.

Baylock, a fifth-round draft choice out of Stephen F. Austin in 2001, has carried 32 times for 150 yards, a 4.7 average.

Quincy

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said. "We've just got to make sure we know what our shot is. I think we are still learning that, but that's a fine line. I love when guys are confident and aggressive."

"We got to 80 pretty easy tonight, and 80 in a college basketball game is a lot of points. We are shooting it well and making the extra pass out there."

Playing against a more conventional opponent in Quincy, the Irish were able to turn up their defensive effort and not just try to keep up with the quick up-and-down pace of St. Joseph's.

After a slow start, the Irish picked up their energy level and started getting in the face of their opponents and jumping the passing lanes.

They outrebounded the Hawks 37-33 — including 17 offensive rebounds — and forced 22 turnovers while getting 15 steals.

"I thought we were a lot better on defense challenging shots, getting hands on balls," Irish guard Chris Thomas said. "We had a lot of guys going after the ball on rebounds. We tried to make a conscious effort of doing it on the defensive end in the backcourt."

The Irish will practice today and take Friday off as they get ready for the regular season opener against Harvard Nov. 19 at the Joyce Center.

Unlike in years past, Brey feels his team has something tangible to gauge itself on and doesn't have to wait for the reg-

ular season to start to get an accurate assessment of his group.

"We got a lot out of both exhibition games. We got to prepare for a system," Brey said. "You have a group that isn't going to let up and keep coming after you. Having to prepare is really helpful so I love the rule and I thought I would."

"This is the first time we can ever say in my memory as a head coach that we got a lot out of both exhibition games."

Note:

♦ Irish forward Rick Cornett dressed for the game but did not play. Brey said he fully expects Cornett to play in the Harvard game.

**NOTRE DAME 80,
QUINCY 61
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NOTRE DAME

Cornette 0-6 0-0 0, Francis 4-9 0-2 8, Latimore 6-9 0-0 12, Thomas 6-16 0-0 16, Quinn 8-11 4-4 25, Isreal 2-5 0-1 4, Falls 1-3 3-3 5, Kurz 2-5 0-0 4, Carter 2-3 0-0 6

QUINCY

Cummins 1-4 0-0 3, Medsker 5-12 0-0 10, Gettinger 3-11 5-8 11, Roth 5-8 0-0 11, Feldner 1-2 0-0 2, Muse 1-2 0-0 3, Anderson 2-2 0-0 6, Suter 2-4 0-0 4, Walker 1-4 2-2 5

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	49	31	80
Quincy	30	31	61

3-point goals: Notre Dame 11-22 (Quinn 5-8, Thomas 4-7, Carter 2-2, Cornette 0-3, Falls 0-2), Quincy 8-20 (Anderson 2-2, Roth 1-1, Cummins 1-4, Muse 1-2, Walker 1-4, Niemczyk 1-1, Murkey 1-1, Medsker 0-3, Gettinger 0-1, Feldner 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 37 (Cornette 6, Francis 6, Thomas 6), Quincy 33 (Cummins 8). Assists: Notre Dame 19 (Cornette 5, Quinn 5), Quincy 16 (Feldner 5). Total fouls: Notre Dame 14, Quincy 11.

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RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Senior Irish guard Chris Thomas looks for space during Notre Dame's victory over Quincy Wednesday at the Joyce Center. Thomas finished with 16 points and tied for the team lead with six rebounds.

Henican

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key dig or a big play. She always comes up with these spectacular digs that just amaze everyone."

But her teammates aren't the only ones she has impressed.

More recently, the libero Henican was recognized as

the Big East Conference Player of the Week — just the second libero ever to earn the honor. Tarutis said Henican's award was more than merited.

"I think it shows that all of her hard work has paid off," Tarutis said. "She finally got recognized for what she's really good at."

The junior libero has proven she is deserving of the honor throughout the season. Tarutis

says the team can always count on her to jumpstart a rally or extend a run.

"When we're going through a hard time, she makes those big plays that put us back on track," Tarutis said. "She's a really tenacious player. If she sees an opportunity to help the team, she'll go for it."

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**Ashley Tarutis
Irish freshman**

Henican demonstrated this go-getter attitude in Notre Dame's Oct. 31 match against Villanova. In one of her more solid defensive performances of the season, Henican totaled 26 digs, accounting for 45 percent of Notre Dame's digs against Villanova. In addition,

she helped limit the Wildcats' offense to .007 on hitting.

Coach Debbie Brown says that Henican's most significant contributions cannot be inferred from statistics, however.

"She takes a really large area of the court as her responsibility," Brown said. "She can really frustrate hitters because she's consistent and keeps getting digs."

"That's something that will never show up in the box scores, but it's a huge part of our success."

Last year, Henican played a prominent role on the defense as well, becoming the third player in Irish history to record 400 digs in a season. In addition, Henican's efforts were part of the reason Notre Dame limited Big East opponents to a .134 hitting percentage and set a school record for fewest service aces allowed per game with 0.94.

"She's always been a fighter and a competitor," Brown said. "We cannot afford to not have her on the court. When we're not doing well, she helps to refocus the group."

Although the Irish are still focusing on one match at a time, a Big East championship and a long run in the NCAA tournament are still in the back of their minds.

Henican said she believes the team is capable of fulfilling this season-long wish list, as long as they remain focused and play consistently.

"We're extremely talented," Henican said. "We can accomplish great things. We just have to trust that we can and will win."

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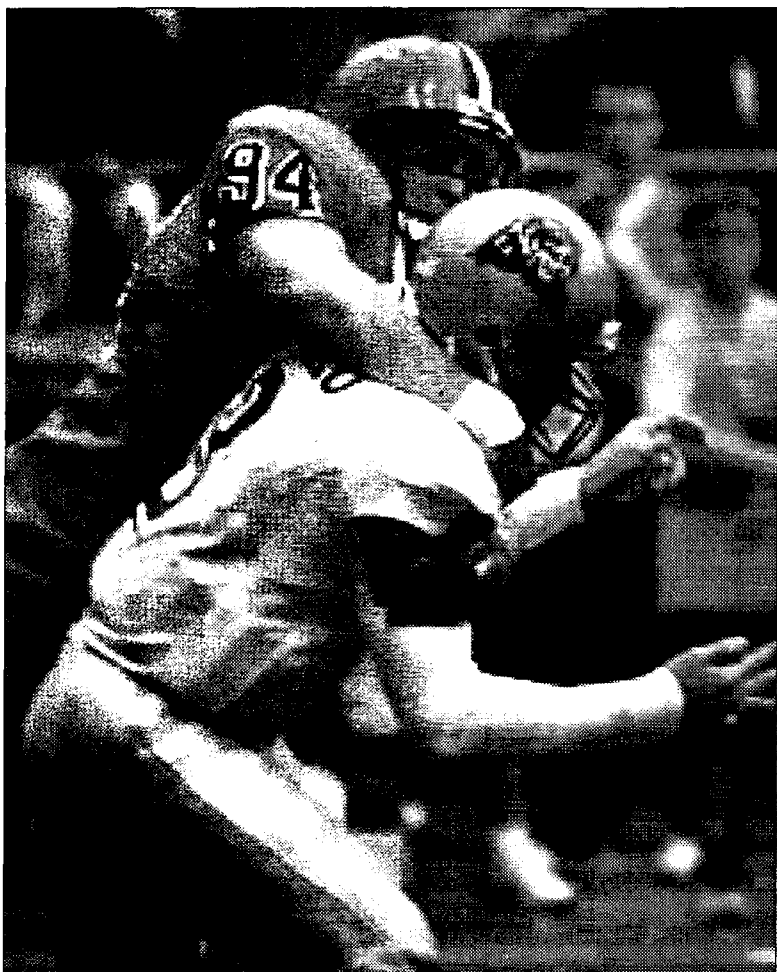
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Syracuse's Ryan LaCasse, left, sacks Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko during the Orange's 38-31 overtime win last week.

Pittsburgh

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Syracuse, he recorded 188 yards receiving in the Panthers' 38-31 double-overtime loss. Lee also has had four 100-yard receiving games this season, first in the Big East. Willingham knows the Panthers have great receivers, especially Lee.

"Well, as you know, I think Coach [Walt] Harris and the Pittsburgh staff have done a great job with all of their wide receivers," Willingham said. "It seems each year they have one of the premiere guys if not in the Big East, in the whole country. Any time you have a guy [Lee] that is that skilled, he poses a great deal of problems."

Lee is one player the Irish must prevent from making big plays.

"I've seen them on film, and I know that they're capable of making the big play. They

"I've seen them on film, and I know that they're capable of making the big play. They spread the ball around the field pretty well."

Steven Wilks
Irish defensive backs coach

spread the ball around the field pretty well," Irish defensive backs coach Steven Wilks said. "One of the things that we've talked about all week is not giving the big play. They're going to try play-action and go deep, and we've got to be smart and patient and play the pass first."

Palko has gotten the ball to his receivers consistently this season. He has thrown over 300 yards three times this season in eight games. The last two games, Palko has been especially dangerous, completing

67 percent of his passes, 55-for-85, and throwing for six touchdowns. During these two games against Syracuse and the win over Rutgers, Palko has thrown for 660 yards and just one interception.

Wilks knows Palko can hurt the Irish Saturday.

"[Their strength] is definitely in the quarterback," Wilks said. "I think he's very athlet-

ic, he makes things happen, he's a tough guy."

For the Irish, this will be a different look than at Tennessee where Erik Ainge was more of a drop-back, prototype passer.

This was after the Irish learned Brent Schaeffer wouldn't play, a guy who is more like Palko, in that he will run the ball out of the quarterback position.

"[Palko] is not afraid to tuck it and run, go for the first down instead of slide," Wilks said. "He's going to make some things happen. That in itself makes things a little different from last week, when Schaeffer was out, and we were pretty sure that Ainge wasn't going to run. This guy is a scramble so we've got to make sure we're smart and not give up the big play."

But another thing the Irish must worry about is Panthers head coach Walt Harris, who said he's been talking to Boston College head coach Tom O'Brien for advice on how to beat Notre Dame, as the Eagles knocked off the Irish 24-23 earlier this season

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Recruits

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looking at, we needed to get at least four of them. But there wasn't pressure to sign seven guys and do total rebuilding. You could coach the guys that were here and just methodically work on the next group."

Notre Dame settled on four quality players that can improve the team at most any position on the court.

The 6-foot-7, 200-pound Ayers averaged 16.4 points, 8.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists as a junior, shooting 48 percent from three-point range. He earned all-Inter AC honors for his second straight season and impressed Irish recruiters with his touch from the outside.

"Ryan Ayers has a great feel for the game already and is very skilled," Brey said.

Hillesland, a 6-foot-8, 220-pound power forward, brings a defensive presence and a winning attitude.

The St. John's Jesuit star averaged 13.0 points and 9.0 rebounds per game in his junior season, finishing third on the team in assists despite missing 10 games due to knee surgery. Hillesland's team went 23-5, going 6-4 when he was out of the lineup and losing its only other game in the state finals.

"He already digs in defensively," Brey said. "And he's real

"The thing about all the players is they all have high basketball IQ. It's really easy to go come in and have a pick-up game with them and play good basketball."

Zach Hillesland
Irish recruit

good with the ball."

McAlarney, a 6-foot-1, 170-pound guard who flew under the recruiting radar of most top Division-I programs, averaged 35.6 points per game last season and scored 907 points to set the Staten Island high school single-season scoring record.

McAlarney scored a career-high 59 points against McClancy for Moore Catholic high school, and he set another Staten

Island record with seven games of 30-plus points in a season.

"I called [Kyle] last night," Brey said. "[His team] had two practices and he was coming back from the YMCA to get some extra shooting in. He's

just a throwback."

The 6-foot-11, 240-pound Zeller is the most nationally recognized Irish recruit. He was voted a preseason candidate for the 2005 Mr. Indiana Basketball honor after earning All-America honors from Street and Smith's magazine. In his junior season, Zeller averaged 19.8 points and 9.4 rebounds.

Hillesland verbally committed to Notre Dame first, but Zeller's announcement in late April arguably spurred the ensuing commitments that rounded out a top national recruiting class.

"We were very excited last spring, and three Wednesdays in a row we were able to hit on those last three guys. Luke, Kyle and then Ryan [committed], in that order I believe," Brey said. "Just like in a game, you can get momentum in

"Ryan Ayers has a great feel for the game already and is very skilled."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

recruiting. You hit a couple 3's, you get some stops and you have a run in a game. You can have a run in recruiting."

Zeller said all four players' signings was a huge advantage for Notre Dame.

"I don't know how huge [my signing was]," he said. "But I know all four of us committing is a huge thing for Notre Dame as an institution. Our class gets me real excited because it's a

great class with a great bunch of guys with, as coach Brey said before, four-year guys."

The team welcomed its recruits (three unofficial, one official) on visits during the weekend of Sept. 11. The recruits scrimmaged with the existing team to get a feel for how the Irish system fit their style, and vice versa.

And they came away convinced Notre Dame was the place for them.

"The thing about all the players is they all have high basketball IQ," Hillesland said. "It's really easy to go come in and have a pick-up game with them and play good basketball. A lot of times at open gyms the ball fumbles around it's really ugly, but with them everybody knows how to play the game."

Now, each player has an entire year to improve. But all four are eager to succeed under Brey.

"I loved Kyle's quote," Brey said. "He said, 'Yeah, that's great. I've got no problem playing against and learning from Chris Quinn [in practice], but when I'm a sophomore I want the ball.'"

If the class lives up to its hype, McAlarney and his three classmates will have it.

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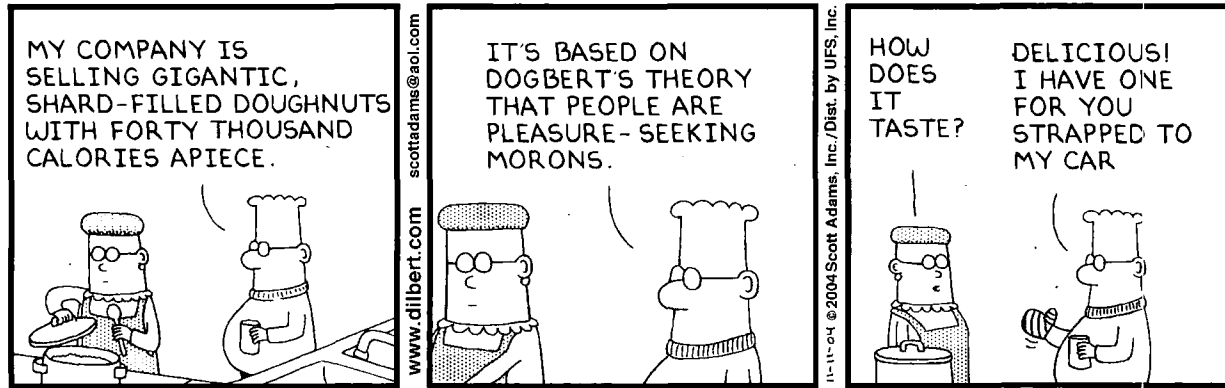
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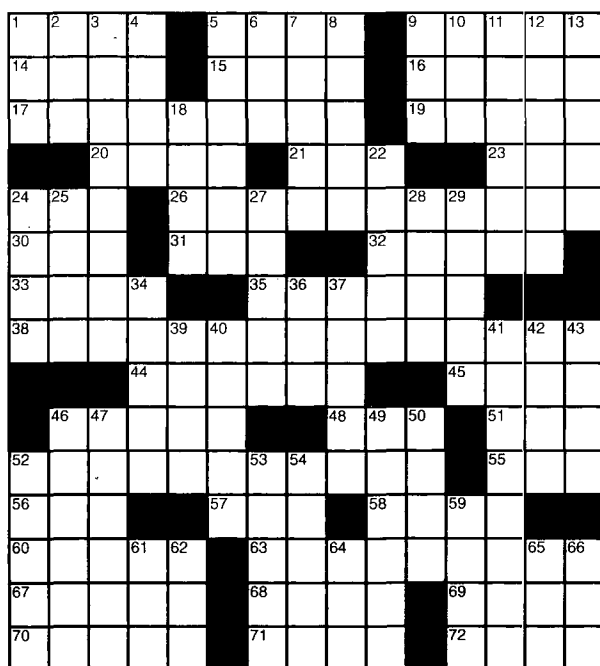
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 - Beetle, at one time
 - Hero-type
 - Sound of disgust
 - Kind of personality, in media
 - Offspring of hip-hop stars?
 - Battle of the
 - Spare
 - German exclamation
 - Bert Lahr, astrologically
 - Chinese tea
 - Clear skies, with temperatures in the 70's?
 - Resinous deposit
 - Indy letters
 - Tobacco plugs
 - "What am I, invisible?"
 - Huey, Dewey or Louie, notably
 - Big fans of a public prosecutor?
 - Pax (uneasy peace)
 - Gush
 - Asteroids maker
 - Tampa-to-Jacksonville dir.
 - pinch
 - Missing 'droid?
 - Simple sack
 - Suffix with neat
 - "Mad TV" rival
 - Have a bawl
 - Press pass, e.g.
 - Cry of despair (and a hint to solving 17-, 26-, 38- and 52-Across)
- DOWN**
- "My dear man"
 - Driller's org.
 - Make it big
 - "What ___?"
 - Small piano
 - Oklahoma Indian
 - Charge
 - Former CBS chairman Laurence
 - Easy toss
 - Santa
 - Was almost out
 - Some tapes
 - Flaming felony
 - Field calls
 - Actress Anne
 - Decked out
 - "Very funny ... not!"
 - Sleep problem
 - Perlman of "Cheers"
 - Madams
 - Jazz singer Carmen
 - West ender?
 - Fallback option
 - Phone, slangily
 - Induction motor inventor
 - Mediocre marks
 - European capital
 - Sought answers
 - Brazil, for one
 - Loads

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chris Joannou, Mackenzie Phillips, Sinbad, Donna Fargo

Happy Birthday: Use your creative talent to come up with new and prosperous ideas. Money can be made this year. An unusual turn of events will lead you into something you may not have considered in the past. Be open and receptive to suggestions. Your numbers are 18, 23, 26, 33, 41, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can't win when it comes to partnerships, so prepare to compromise. Do something to help others and you will be offered a proposition.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Settle any work-related issues. You can find a solution to a problem that has been bothering you about your health or appearance. Minor mishaps will occur if you aren't cautious.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Consider all the things you can do to update your look and go for it. Taking a different approach to life will inspire you. Romance should be high on your list.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus on getting your place as well as your finances in order. Your home is likely to be disrupted by someone who doesn't think the same way you do. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Nothing will be too much trouble for you today. Your generosity will lead to greater friendships, love and romance. Travel should lead to a chance meeting. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make some career changes or consider what you always wanted to do and find out how you can accommodate your dreams. A hobby may give you satisfaction. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get involved in something that will inspire you to be more creative. You are in a high cycle regarding social and romantic encounters. Children may need your help. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't neglect your finances. If you are creative in your approach to budgeting, you will discover you can make your money work for you. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on your business and personal connections today. You can make a lasting impression. Be colorful about your ideas, intentions and plans. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): One slip on your part or someone else's could cost you both emotionally and financially. Stay out of the limelight if possible. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is the perfect time to talk about love, romance and following through with your personal plans. Single or not, you can find love or improve relationship you are in. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Go over your own personal papers. You should probably update your will or your insurance policy. If someone owes you money, this would be a good day to collect. ***

Birthday Baby: You are creative, outspoken and very intelligent. You have a worldly outlook and can see the possibilities that are available to you. You are an explorer who is always in pursuit of knowledge.

Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com and eugenialast.com.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Present and future

Irish knock off Quincy to finish up preseason, ink four recruits

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

The other "Chris" in the Notre Dame back-court showed he's got some game Wednesday night.

Chris Quinn's game-high 25 points paced the Irish as they cruised to an 80-61 victory over Division II Quincy at the Joyce Center.

"He's really a heck of a guard and one of the most underrated guards in the [Big East] and nationally," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "It probably won't be as much of a secret in December. [He's] so solid, [the] game comes easy to him, doesn't really force a thing. It's fun to watch his maturity and confidence level growing."

In his second game in an Irish uniform, senior Dennis Latimore looked more comfortable than he did in the exhibition opener against St. Joseph's. That game was his first since February 2003.

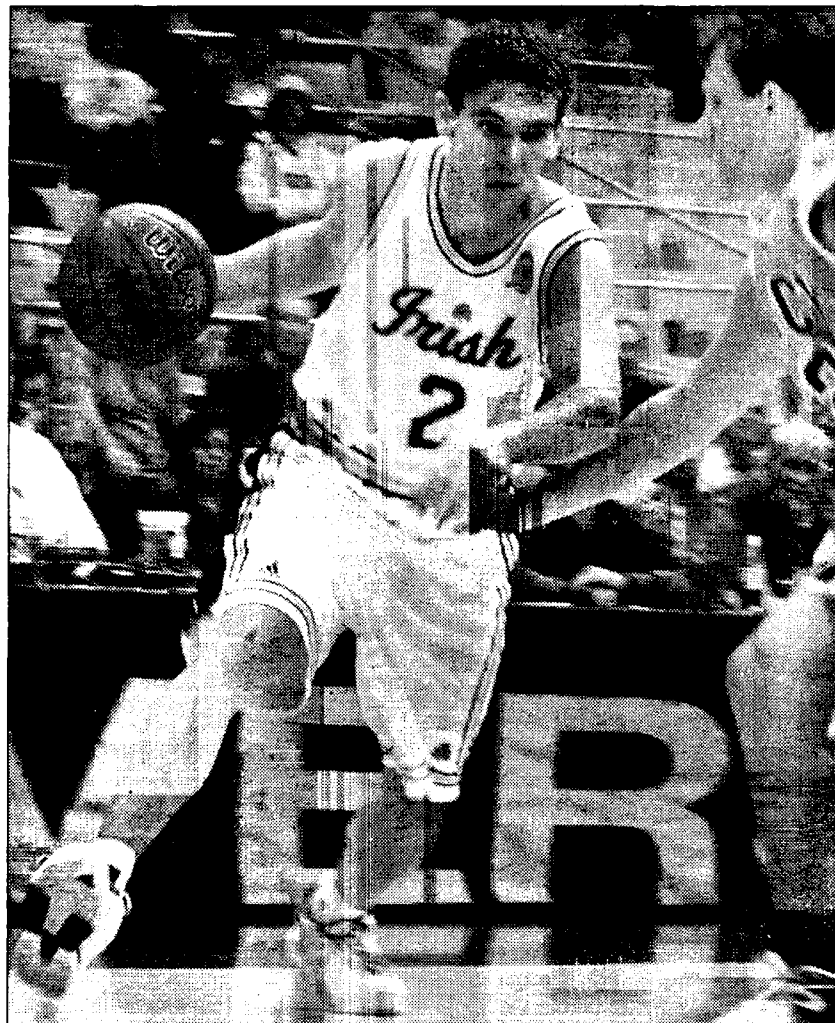
Latimore came out more aggressive and with more energy on both ends of the floor against the Hawks.

He hit a couple of fadeaway jump shots along with getting a breakaway steal leading to an uncontested dunk on the other end.

"I tried to work on that," Latimore said. "It's a big difference coming from a practice situation to a game situation. Game speed is so much quicker, and it took me the whole first game to adjust. I think I'm adjusted to that now."

That spurt from Latimore came during a 23-8 run in the first half that saw the Irish turn an 8-5 deficit into a 36-16 lead.

"We're going to be good offensively," Brey



Irish guard Chris Quinn attempts to drive past a Quincy defender in Notre Dame's 80-61 victory Wednesday night.

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Sealing a promising future for a program on the rise, Irish coach Mike Brey announced the commitment of Ryan Ayers (Blue Bell, Penn.), Zach Hillesland (Toledo, Ohio), Kyle McAlarney (Staten Island, N.Y.) and Luke Zeller (Washington, Ind.) to the Notre Dame basketball recruiting class of 2009 Wednesday morning.

All four players signed national letters of intent by 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Brey said the players' commitments add future security and potential to a program already poised for a strong showing in the upcoming season.

"People wanted to put the moniker 'Fab Four' on them," Brey said from the football conference room in the Joyce Center. "I said, 'Yeah, that's great, with the emphasis on [the word] four' ... because they're going to grow up and grow old together in a college basketball program."

Notre Dame assistant coaches pushed recruitment last winter and spring because the team had roster spots to fill.

"I want to emphasize my assistant coaches do a great job with that, and every day they're doing something with recruiting," Brey said. "I think they heard that a lot this summer from their competitors and I'm glad they heard that."

Rob Kurz, a graduate of Penn Charter high school in Philadelphia, was the lone signer for the class of 2008, opening the door for sweeping recruiting efforts.

"This class needed to be a really talented class," Brey said. "With the players we were

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FOOTBALL

Irish prepare for talented receivers

By HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Last year, when people thought of Pittsburgh, they thought of Larry Fitzgerald. This year, however, is different.

The Panthers offense is diverse and still dangerous under the arm of first-year starter Tyler Palko.

Palko has become famous for his ambidextrous tosses while being pressured.

"He's versatile," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "He's doing a great job of protecting the football, for the most part.

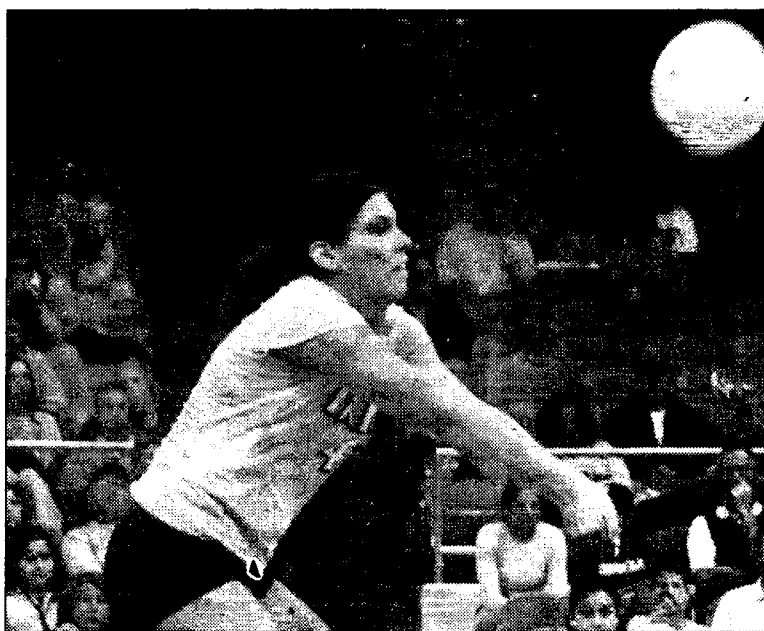
He moves around in a timely basis to make it very difficult. And he's putting the ball in the right places with his receivers."

One threat catching the ball is 5-foot-8 Joe DelSardo. The former walk-on burned Rutgers Oct. 23 for 105 yards on eight catches. DelSardo is one of five Panthers who has recorded 100-yard receiving games this season. Greg Lee is also one of those. In his first full season as a starter, he is atop the Big East in receiving yards and eighth in the country, averaging 104 yards per game. Last week against

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Henican emerges as the go-to girl



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Libero Meg Henican passes the ball in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Illinois State Oct. 13.

Only second libero to win Big East Player of the Week

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Calling Meg Henican captain is insufficient.

In addition to the leadership role she has assumed, Henican has become a go-to girl for the defense and an inspirational player who keeps the team's spirits high.

"[Henican] adds a lot of confidence to the team," freshman Ashley Tarutis said. "We know we can always count on Meg for a

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